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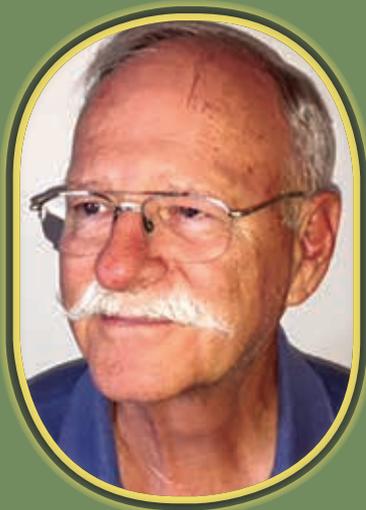
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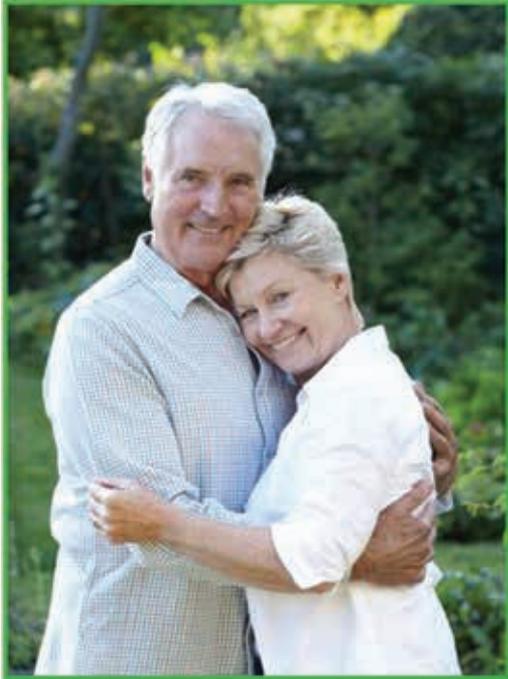
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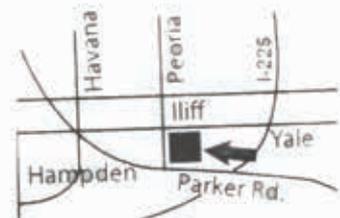


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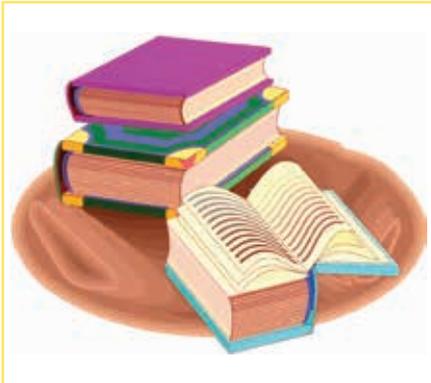


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Class fees increase in 2017; RV rates will not

The Sept. 15 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors convened with all members present. Only one motion from the meeting's agenda gained board approval.

The board agreed to increase fees for classes offered in the Clubhouse, as follows:

Classes that meet 1 day per week	\$25
Classes: 2 times per week	\$30
Classes: 3 times per week	\$35

Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee Chair Craig Baldwin explained that classes are subsidized by all HG homeowners, to the tune of \$40,000 last year. The class increase is expected to lower that subsidy to \$20,000 per year. The gap between what students pay and what it costs to hold classes is mostly in instructors' salaries.

The board discussed whether to offer residents a price break for taking multiple classes per week, an option that has been offered before. Because instructors' salaries don't decrease when residents take more than one class, that option was not pursued.

At its July 14 meeting, the board indicated it was considering raising rental rates at the RV lot, after renovations to upgrade the lot. Items considered were to move the main gate from Yale Avenue, to entering through B221 and B222.

Other improvements to the lot were to be evaluated. In July, some board members felt a rate increase was in order, because the HG RV lot charges were well below market rates.

In September, however, the board reversed itself. Moving the main gate promised to be more expensive than anticipated, and other improvements and bids had not been accomplished in time to justify raising lot rates, for the 2017 budget.

RV lot user Forrest McClure, B231, made a statement to the board, reminding that HGMD — as a quasi-government entity — “is not in the business of making a profit.” Even at its low rates, the RV lot turns a profit at many times what it costs to maintain it.

After making the motion to increase rates for resident

users, Treasurer Twyla Gaugenmaier stated, “I am not in favor of this [proposed] rate, but I read it. I will withdraw the motion, as it has no real support.”

Another agenda motion, “Stipend to reimburse HGMD Directors for consumable goods used during the year,” had so little board support, no one wanted to read the motion. No one did, and the meeting moved on.

Director Craig Baldwin made a motion, and later withdrew it, to “add a code of conduct” to the Clubhouse and Restaurant Procedure Memorandum (PM). He noted such a code of conduct exists in the Golf Course PMs, and suggested having none in the Clubhouse/Restaurant PMs had been an omission.

Code of Conduct

Directors Ed Kurtz and Vincent Velasquez stated they could not support the motion for the code, as written.

“This wording is very broad brushed,” Kurtz noted.

The code stated, in part, “A participant will be asked to withdraw from a class or program, or leave a facility, if behavior does not comply with program and/or facility standards.” Who would judge whether behavior was “to standard” was not specified.

Baldwin promised to take the matter back to the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee, and resubmit a revised code that was better worded. Velasquez and Kurtz indicated they were not opposed to a code of conduct, if written thoughtfully.

Controller Su Chae added that some serious mistreatment of HG employees had triggered the concept of a code of conduct for the restaurant and Clubhouse.

“We noticed some behavior from residents that was border-line abusive,” she said.

Board members discussed refinancing HGMD's general-obligations bonds, to obtain a lower rate. President Larry Francone explained, “We decided, maybe we need to do more investigating. I think we need a bond attorney to help with this thing.”

Refund bonds?

See HGMD...page 10



HG gets new entry layout for traffic “calming”

Construction by the City of Aurora at the entry to HG from Yale Avenue at Abilene is nearly done. It created more sidewalks and accessible ramps at all corners. Changes are part of the city's plan to create a traffic calming on the roads through HG, because opening the Light Rail Station at Iliff is expected to increase traffic in the area.



Q&A to HGA Board candidates during “Meet the Candidates”



On Sept. 10, the six homeowners running for the 2017 HGA Board of Directors appeared at a “Meet the Candidates” forum in Sandberg Auditorium, to present their credentials to audience members, and respond to questions. The candidates are Diane Dean, B232; Rex Engel, B233; Susan Lambert (incumbent/appointee), B223; Michael Lickteig (incumbent/appointee), B233; Ruth Prendergast, B235; and William Reynolds, B216.

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, homeowners will elect three of the six to three-year terms on the board; one will get a one-year term. Residents (one per unit) can vote in Sandberg Auditorium, 8 am–5 pm. Early voting is being held in the Management Office, 7:30 am–4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Candidates were encouraged to state what contributions they could offer to the HGA Board.

Dean: I feel I am an honest broker. I’m the Area Representative (AR) for B232. I don’t have an agenda.

Engel: My purpose is to keep expenses under control, but keep our community well maintained.

Lambert: I want us to be good stewards of the resources you’ve entrusted us with.

Lickteig: I place a high value on research, such as asking questions outside the meetings and the community — I’m like the TV character Columbo.

Prendergast: I think my experience in the Colorado State Legislature will guide my work on the board.

Reynolds: Above everything else, our park-like/resort-like atmosphere needs to be preserved. I think a strong leadership hand is needed to guide us through.

Questions

How would you ensure the security of HG, with the coming of light rail and apartments across the street?

Engel: I’m concerned about security, with Aurora growing all around us. I think we should have two Security Officers on at night.

Lickteig: Criminal activity is for the police. Security cameras and other ideas will be evaluated.

Prendergast: These are city streets. We need help from the city, involving the city of Aurora and county. I want to monitor the apartments across the street very carefully.

Reynolds: The community watch program, launched in HG by the Security Department, is something we need to be focused on.

Dean: A well-trained security force is important. Our Security staff needs additional training.

Do you support Security becoming a new standing committee?

Engel: Maintenance, finance and security are the three biggest things for HG. I support Security being a full committee.

Lambert: I don’t care what you call it: Security or Emergency Preparedness, but need someplace to address fire and safety issues.

Lickteig: I believe Security is an important function, equivalent to Structure Maintenance. It could be a subcommittee to Emergency Preparedness.

Dean: We may have too many committees. I think a prioritization of committees is important.

Reynolds: Security will probably have to take a higher level of precedence than ever before. Security needs to be at a high level of priority,

with its own committee, hopefully.

Prendergast: HG has been in business for many years. I support the current committees.

How to be sure community concerns are not ignored/more timely communication with residents?

Prendergast: Some of the issues in letters to *Heather ’n Yon* seem frivolous. Why take petty issues to everyone? Yet people have a right to be heard. Complaints need to be addressed.

Dean: People can become frivolous, when they feel they are not being heard. When listened to, frivolousness can go away.

Lambert: We must be prepared to listen to these divergent points of view. It’s our responsibility to listen. Some say the board has no responsibility to communicate. I don’t agree with that.

Reynolds: Board members must prioritize. Striking a balance is difficult. Things might be considered frivolous, but the board has to take the heat, and explain its position.

Engel: The board should respond to all letters formally submitted to them.

Lickteig: If you have an issue, pick the most relevant board director, then send your communication. It could be resolved.

What committee would you like to serve on?

Lambert: Budget & Finance, continuing as HGA Treasurer.

Lickteig: I would stay with Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Prendergast: I’m open to just about anything. I’m currently on Civic Affairs.

See Candidates...page 11

Board will not pursue Comcast contract; insurance premium up

All directors attended the Sept. 13 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. Because the meeting convened in the Board Room, some residents were turned away when maximum capacity for the room was reached.

President Winnie Jennings announced there would be no discussion of the HGNet proposed contract with Comcast. The contract had not been returned by Comcast; therefore, the board had nothing new to discuss about it since the August meeting.

[At an executive session of the board, on Sept. 20, the HGA Board met to discuss Comcast's response to HG's draft contract proposal. HGA decided to not pursue the contract for TV programming and fiber optics with Comcast. HG attorney and Contracts Department had reviewed the marked-up proposal.]

The board approved the USI (HG's insurance broker) proposal for insurance for HGA properties. The annual premium – \$868,395 – represents an annual increase of \$140,000 (19 percent increase over the premium paid in 2015) for the period October 2016–October 2017.

The increase is less than had been feared, explained Treasurer Susan Lambert. Travelers Insurance has dropped HGA, due to claims regarding hail damage and the fire in B217.

USI proposed a "suite" of insurance coverage, whereby the carrier

Lexington covers some portions of HG property damage, after which a different insurance company would provide coverage. The new coverage "is more favorable to us," Lambert said, as the deductible has changed from \$10,000 per building to \$250,000 total if multiple buildings are affected, which is lower.

Lambert reported that HG is about \$69,000 ahead of budgeted revenue projections, to date, largely due to interest earned on Certificates of Deposit (CDs). HG is \$1.1 million below budget on expenses, about half of which will be spent by year's end. The other half is due to lower-than-expected utilities (electric, gas, water) plus a lower payroll, due to staff shortages.

The board approved a change to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Procedure Memorandum (PM) **Electric cars** regarding charging stations for electric vehicles. Colorado law requires that HG allow residents to install a charging station at their own expense.

The PM states that it is a violation to charge electric vehicles by plugging them into common electrical outlets. Any installed station must be for the exclusive use of the vehicle user, and may not be used to sell

electricity to others. The vehicle user is responsible for permits and upkeep on the infrastructure, and must remove the recharging station upon leaving HG.

The board approved making the fire-restoration company, Res Con, the general contractor/standing contractor for reconstruction of B217.

B217 General Contractor

Lambert stating the action will "move the work along, for residents, to save time, to get the project going as fast as possible."

General Manager Calvin Eddy-White added that Res Con "will do the majority of the work itself," pulling permits and ensuring that building codes are met. Res Con may hire subcontractors, when needed.

Residents who choose to not use Res Con are free to hire their own contractors, he added. These contractors must pursue the permitting process and complete the work adhering to current building codes.

The board approved a change to the ACC PM regarding vinyl siding on CPs and THs. A 4-inch clearance must be left between the siding and any planters, flowers pots, or other permanent object on the patio, to allow for maintenance of siding.



*Work began on replacing roofs, siding and chimneys in CP1. Also scheduled this year — CP4.
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Emergency Planning for Seniors

{Editor's Note: This is the second handout (of six) that Security Chief Larry Baker distributed at his initial Community Watch meeting on Aug. 17.}

It's difficult to prepare for a winter storm, tornado or other disaster when you don't have the added challenge of a disability or lack of resources. During an emergency, as a senior or an individual with a disability, you may have special needs that must be considered when creating a household plan and emergency kit.

Mobility

If you, or a family member, have difficulty moving quickly and easily, make sure your neighbors are aware and that you have someone who can check in during an emergency.

Develop a support network with several people who will continue to follow up with you after an emergency. If in a multi-level dwelling, consider staying or relocating to the first floor.

Medication and Medical Supplies

Keep a separate supply of at least seven days worth of any medication or critical medical supplies, such as oxygen.

If you rely on electric medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, ventilators and oxygen compressors, talk to your medical supply company

about getting batteries or a generator as a backup power source. Also contact your electricity provider and register with them.

Planning Tips for Seniors:

- Develop a "buddy" system with family, friends, neighbors or co-workers. Plan how you will help each other in an emergency.

- Prepare an emergency "go" kit that you could grab and take with you if there is a need to evacuate. Include necessary medications, basic toiletries, any special sanitary aids, and whom to contact in emergencies.

- Make a list of your medications, allergies, special equipment, doctor's number, and who to contact in emergencies. People who have difficulty with communication should have important information written out, such as special toileting needs, or how to lift or move them. Give a copy to each buddy. Keep a copy with you. Put a copy in your go kit.

- Make a plan with your personal care attendant. If you use an attendant from an agency, see if the agency has special provisions for emergencies.

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mine at least two usable exits from each room and from your building.

- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family and others to call if separated. Identify a location where you can reunite with family/friends

Special Tips for Seniors During and After an Emergency

- Keep important equipment and assistive devices in a consistent, convenient and secured place so you can quickly and easily locate them after the emergency happens.

- Develop an emergency kit where extra hearing aids, batteries, eye glasses, etc., are kept, to replace damaged or lost equipment. (See page 27.)

- Store extra mobility aids (e.g., canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs), as a backup to primary equipment.

- If you employ a personal attendant, use the services of a home health agency, or other type of in-

See Plan...page 26

Fire Safety • Emergency Preparedness

3 pm Thursday, Oct. 31, Sandberg Auditorium
Lieutenant Tony Krenz, Aurora Fire Department

After the recent fire in B217, residents still have questions about best practices. Lt Krenz will emphasize fire safety and being prepared for such emergencies.

– Chief Larry Baker

HGMD ...from page 5

While the bond attorney was being consulted, Velasquez suggested, the board should "get two more underwriters to give us cost on this action."

Francone stated, "We'll contact the attorney, and contact other underwriters. We need to look carefully, before proceeding." He added that no vote of HGMD residents was required, because such refinancing would be lowering debt, not raising it. A vote would be required to increase the bond indebtedness.

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On Sept. 13, the board met in a special meeting with two representatives from Stifel, Nicolaus & Co, Inc.: Bryan Stelmack and Greg Ellingson.

At the board's request, they brought a proposal for refunding HGMD's bonds based on a timeline that sold the bonds on Dec. 1. (Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. was the underwriter for the 2010 bond issue.)

Because the bonds issued in 2010 cannot be called until 2020, an issue now would put the cash into escrow, from which the 2010 bondholders would be paid in 2020. All payments of interest and principle from 2017–2020 would also come from the escrow account.

The proposal could not give definite numbers until board approval, but estimates given were that the present value of savings to HGMD would be \$541,000, or about \$32,000 per year. The refunding would cost about \$1.2 million, which would be folded into the new debt.

Current long term debt is at 2.5 percent today; 4 percent in 2010. The 20 year rate for government bonds has dropped from 3.68 percent (2010) to 3.0 percent today. It was these changes, and the experience of Aurora Water bonds, which were refunded in advance earlier this year for a savings of 10 percent, that prompted the board to investigate taking this action.

Stelmack told the board that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) hurdle for best practices in advance refunding of debt is to save 3 percent or more. The \$541,000 savings predicted by Stifel, Nicolas exceeds that hurdle.

HGMD Treasurer Twyla Gaugenmaier requested a schedule that showed the mill levy for the new bonds, which was promised that day.



HGA Board President Reports

By Winnie Jennings

I believe what Restaurant Manager Kevin Olson meant when he was quoted in the HGMD Board article, last month's issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, was that I dine often at Rendezvous Restaurant, helping to making it profitable. How about joining me? You are always welcome.

...

The HGA Board meeting on Sept. 13 was held in the Board Room. The limit on the number of people in that room is 46, mandated by the Aurora Fire Department. Unfortunately, some people had to be turned away. I apologize for this, but it is not my ruling.

At the beginning of the meeting, I stated that the board

would not discuss the Comcast contract, because it had not been returned to HG. There was nothing new to converse about. Yet, eight people did speak their minds —repeating things the board has heard many times. Many of these things, the board is deeply concerned about. The board's fiduciary duty is to do what is best for all members of the association (HGA).

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The HG insurance premium has increased due to the hail storm claims and the B217 fire claims. It is not as much as was expected.

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The siding and roofs being installed on two CP areas, and the siding installed on NTHs and STHs look great. If you see any of the workers goofing off, or not doing what you think they should be, call Contracts Supervisor Mel Grim or HG Security and report them. HG has had complaints about various incidents.

Along the same lines — keep your eyes and ears open for anything strange or different that you see. Take detailed information and report it to Security. Join the Neighborhood Watch.

Candidates ...from page 6

Reynolds: I'm open to any committee that can use my talent — maybe a new Security Committee.

Dean: Long Range Planning or Security.

Engel: Structure Maintenance (where I currently serve) or Roads & Grounds based on my engineering-background.

Where do you stand on the 10-year Comcast contract proposal?

Lambert: The Campus Technology Committee did yeoman's work on this project. As treasurer, I would not vote to support this contract if residents who don't want cable would bear any of the cost.

Dean: I have reservations. I have not experienced that Comcast is a fair player.

Engel: I'm not in favor of a 10-year contract when technology is changing faster than that. Don't think much of Comcast.

Lickteig: HG has submitted its "dream version" of a contract to Comcast, but it will be quite different when it comes back from them.

Reynolds: As an attorney, I've done a lot of contract negotiation. The contract will have to be reviewed very carefully when it comes back from Comcast. There are many advantages to a fiber optic system —

like security cameras.

How do you view the demands of the job of being a director?

Lambert and Lickteig agreed: HGA often takes nearly 40 hours per week. It's close to a full-time job.

Dean: [When asked if she would have time for the work on the board if she continues working part time], I've been looking for an excuse to fully retire. Work on the board would be gratifying.

Closing statements

Reynolds: I think my background experience, with its level of problem solving and risk management, make me qualified to serve on the board. I want to preserve, enhance and unify our community, as an island in a sea of troubles.

Prendergast: It would be my pleasure to serve on the board, to help in any capacity I can. In any issue, someone wins and someone loses. I learned that the hard way in the state legislature.

Lickteig: A segment of the community keeps a sharp eye on what we do. I have a lot of respect for that segment.

Lambert: I'm a numbers sort of gal, but I care very deeply about my neighbors. I hope some of that has come through, beyond counting the dollars and cents. I strive to be a good steward of HG resources.

Engel: I've been on four committees this year. I feel I have the experience. HG is a beautiful place, I would strive to keep it that way.

Dean: I'm a consensus builder and a quick learner. I'm an active listener, responsible to you. I value the community highly.

Summary of candidate experience.

Diane Dean is a semi-retired psychiatric nurse.

Rex Engel worked in aerospace, supervising other engineers and technicians.

Susan Lambert is a former chief financial officer in the not-for-profit sector.

Michael Lickteig is a former small business owner who also worked for CitiBank.

Ruth Prendergast is a former member of the Colorado State Legislature.

Bill Reynolds is a retired lawyer, senior legal counsel and professor.

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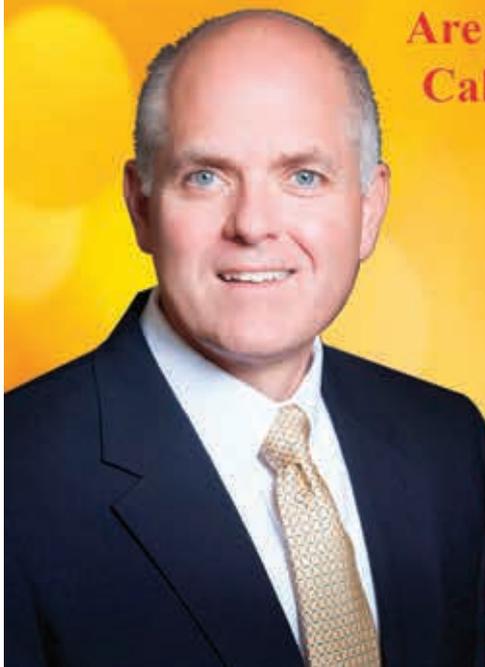
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Publisher's Corner

Customs and courtesies; Sgt. Stubby; optimism

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

There are some months that picking a topic to write about is challenging. I try to not return to previous topics like my father did in this spot.

So I rifled through an inbox I keep where clippings, emails and brochures get placed — all with stories that I think HG residents might find interesting. As a consequence, this column will have three topics selected from my collection.

Someone left a copy of the “Customs & Courtesies of Building 232” in my box at one time. With the HGMD Board pondering a formal “Code of Conduct” for its buildings at HG, I thought it might be interesting to highlight this document. (I know that this is not the only such written document given to building residents in HG, it’s just the one I had at hand.)

Dated January 2016, a memo by Area Representative Diane Dean, introduces the document:

“Greetings to new residents and all the B232 community. This quick guide, a complement to our Bylaws, is the result of an effort to inform residents recently arrived and gently remind the residents who have lived here for a while how we all contribute to making B232 our home. This guide addresses the simple courtesies we extend to each other to make our living space more comfortable, safe and secure.”

The three-page document, printed front and back, covers move-in and move-out procedures, actions recommended to new residents, elevator courtesy (don’t hold the door open to conduct a conversation), pets, use of common areas and parking garage storage.

Residents are reminded that cable TV or dish satellite TV service is to be done by the company, not HG.

Reminders are provided about not installing anything in ceilings or floors, HG’s smoking policy, what to do when a fire alarm sounds, and who to call for security or medical

situations, giving examples.

Entering and leaving a parking garage is described — reminding residents to wait for the door to close to discourage unauthorized “visitors” from gaining access to the building.

Then the document notes that volunteers help the building accomplish “various vital functions for the welfare of the building.” An annual fee is collected to cover common area expenses and social activities.

This handout is brief and to the point for residents. I am sure that more detail is available in the bylaws, but this document is probably read more often and completely.

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More than a year ago, I tore out an article from the *American Legion Magazine* about Sgt. Stubby, an Army bull terrier (or Boston terrier) dog in WW1, about whom a story had been published in *Best Little Stories from World War 1*, by C. Brian Kelly and Ingrid Smyer (Cumberland House, 2014).

Sgt. Stubby got his name, not from his stature, but from his tail. He was a war dog that was wounded, suffered gas attacks, but survived. Stubby spent 18 months at war, facing 17 battles with men of the 102nd Infantry Regiment (Connecticut).

He joined this unit when he wandered into Camp Yale (University) where the men were training. He became their mascot and a special pet to Private Robert Conroy. Apparently,



Stubby learned to salute, a trick that kept him with the unit when they deployed. (Pets were usually forbidden, but the Commanding Officer made an exception for Stubby.)

Stubby had to adapt to the bangs and booms of surrounding gunfire in 1918. After his first gas attack, he alerted the soldiers when he got the slightest whiff. He helped locate wounded comrades in no-man’s-land between the trenches of the front.

His greatest achievement was to capture a spy at Arbonne who was mapping American trench lines. Supposedly, he was nominated for the rank of Sergeant then.

Wounded several times, Sgt. Stubby helped morale in the Army hospitals during his recovery. He was smuggled home by Corporal Conroy, becoming a nationwide celebrity. He marched in parades and met three presidents (Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge). He was the Georgetown University football mascot while Conroy attended law school.

Sgt. Stubby died in 1926. Conroy gave a “stuffed” Stubby to the Smithsonian museum in 1956.

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I am an optimistic person, preferring to anticipate the good that lies ahead. So I was pleased to see Professor Vivek Wadhwa, Duke University (my alma mater), say the same thing in an editorial to *The Denver Post* in January this year. He conceded that Americans tend to be pessimistic every 30–40 years, worried that the nation is falling behind. Yet, it constantly reinvents itself.

He sees the future as rosy, based on advances in technology and lowered costs for energy — things that will be shared with poorer countries of the world — to everyone’s advantage. He also names desalination of water, affordable smart phones, health sensors, robotics and 3D printing as areas in which the United States leads the world.

He ended his column by saying, “Anything is possible, and that is why we need to change the national dialog now from one that is bogged down in pessimism to one in which we discuss how we make the most of the amazing opportunities ahead.”

I second those sentiments!



Management

2016 HG Census

By Calvin Eddy-White
General Manager

The 2016 Census results are in. The average age of Heather Gardens is 73 years old. The number responding this year totaled 1,736 units of 2,426, 71 percent. The information below shows the general demographics of our community.

HG Census	2016	2014	2012	2010	2008	2006
Number of Residents	2,584	3,365	3,397	3,356	3,265	3,369
Average Age	73	74	74	74.7	76	76.1
Median Age	76	77	77	77	78	78
Age 16-29	14	11	12	13	9	13
30-39	9	14	13	11	11	5
40-49	20	49	48	54	35	35
50-54	36	64	52	71	65	68
55-59	98	163	154	164	130	137
60-69	545	660	668	591	504	448
70-79	854	968	971	963	972	1,249

HG Census	2016	2014	2012	2010	2008	2006
80-89	723	1,197	1,152	1,225	1,273	1,160
90-99	195	239	226	224	179	133
100+	2	0	1	1	0	1
Youngest Resident	18	18	20	19	20	20
Oldest Resident	101	98	100	103	97	102
Units with 1 resident	1,157	1,508	1,510	1,508	1,474	1,496
2 residents	680	864	872	870	841	887
3 residents	22	39	40	38	30	29
4+ residents	0	3	4	0	4	1
Email		1,022	1,001	891	825	604
# of Females	1,671	2,183	2,167	2,179	2,132	2,181
Males	913	1,182	1,230	1,177	1,129	1,188
Average years in HG	10	10	10	11	11.4	11.9
Longest Residency	43	41	40	39	39	32
Rentals (%):	19.2	15.3	17.2	13.7	10.9	9.9
Working Full time	137	209	254	231	190	228
Working Part time	101	170	172	143	150	178

GM's Report

General Manager

- Attended board, committee, and ARO meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms.
- Attended meeting with the B217 residents.
- Continued working on 2017 budget.

Controller

- Completed budget templates. Sent out department budgets. Met with USI Insurance for HGA insurance renewal.
- Held Special 401K committee meeting for fund changes.
- Updated Monthly MOA Financial package.
- Held CPR Classes for all employees.
- Worked with Collections Attorney on foreclosures.

Paint

- Completed 62 work orders.
- Completed application of safety tape to all center stairwells in all Alpha buildings.
- Completed spraying ceilings and chair rail in B206.
- Completed painting safety yellow stripes on steps at B207.
- Steve Bruner retired after close to 14 years of service to HG
- Hired new painter.

Maintenance

- Completed 858 work orders; 135 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections at B207, B243, STH, CP3, and CP5
- Completed annual roof repairs at 16 buildings.
- Completed lanai epoxy coating in five units.
- Completed copper pipe repairs in numerous locations.
- Installed continuous hinge on parking slab door in B220.
- Continued work on B216 hallway renovation project.
- Completed annual boiler tube

cleaning in six buildings.

- Fabricated and installed handrails along stairs and sidewalk at B207.
- Replaced damaged underground wire for outside lights in front of B207.
- Completed dryer vent cleaning in B219.
- Modified B218 and B219 dryer duct vents on the roof.

Clubhouse

- Held four events with 177 participants.
- Accepting applications for Craft Fair event in October.
- Planning for Fall Special Events and sponsorships.
- Completed facility scheduling for Fall classes.
- Worked on Budget for 2017.
- Worked on Fashion Show and Car Show for September.
- Worked on class brochure for Fall programs.
- Sent letter requests to sponsors.
- Worked with Arapahoe County for voter registration.

See GM Report...page 30

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3022 S. Wheeling Way - \$120,000

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14390 E. Marina Dr. #212 - \$255,000

2br/2ba – 1380 sq.ft. Somerset C – Gorgeous home! Remodeled kitchen w/Maple cabinets & granite counters. Spacious living room & formal dining. Enclosed lanai.

3022 S. Wheeling Way #201 - \$155,000

2br/1ba – 930 sq.ft. Alpha E – Beautiful end unit w/extra large balcony. New paint. Lovely kitchen w/new vinyl floor. New City doors in bath too. Double pane windows.



13713 E. Marina Dr. #B - \$325,000

3br/3ba – 1176 sq.ft. Patio Home – New paint and kitchen. Vaulted ceiling in living room. Finished basement w/family room, bed & bath.

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SOLD - 13609 E. Cornell Ave. #111

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With teaching in her genes, this resident loves being a student

A candid snapshot on University of Denver's (DU) alumni website depicts Jane LeCates, B202, bedecked in scarlet and gold academic regalia, offering congratulatory handshakes to newly minted graduates. It captures her verve; always teaching, always learning, always contributing. Now an octogenarian, Jane encourages the graduates to take life full-on, just as she has done.

Open a new chapter in your Pioneer experience, reads the caption. Jane, it would seem, never does close her chapters.

"Any time there's a class, I'm ready to go," said Jane who earned a Masters in Education from DU in 1963, three weeks before giving birth to her second daughter.

Born of curious, active parents, Jane grew up on a 16 acre farm outlying Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her father was a chemical engineer in the petroleum industry. Her mother was a home economics teacher. She and her brother joined 4-H. She learned cooking and sewing. He learned chicken husbandry. Poultry proved more interesting to Jane so she merged with her brother's project.

Their father, never before a farmer, became intrigued with Jane and Perry's backyard endeavors. Soon he, too, was involved in the care, housing, and sale of eggs. It created a new, second income for the family.

"We ended up with three 3,000 egg incubators [in which] we supplied all the eggs. We had the first warm, clean hatchery in all of Louisiana."

That warmth was an important factor. Until then, her dad would bring baby chicks into the kitchen to keep warm during hurricanes. Jane excelled at counting and candling eggs — for which she won champion ribbons. Her father attended classes at Louisiana State University (LSU) to learn updated research on poultry.

Combining her father's academic discipline in science with her mother's profession in Home Economic education, Jane enrolled in LSU Elementary Education Department where she concentrated on science classes.

Following graduation from LSU she came to CU Boulder for a summer session and, liking Colorado, stayed on to teach in Jefferson County. Initially she had the classroom where the "naughty kids" were placed. She went on to teach for many years at Littleton's Peabody Elementary School.

"I taught at a really great time [1965–1981 in Littleton; 1956–1989, throughout her career]. We were able to do more hands-on things. I think that's how kids learn."

Through a projection microscope, third grade scientists watched brine shrimp hatch. They liked watching shrimp "ooze out of the eggs." Lessons in probability had them rolling dice. A baseball card game provided practice in fact learning.

"My kids knew their facts and to me that is so important."

One day the class let mealworms loose on a table to watch what foods the larvae would eat. Their progress was interrupted by a fire drill and when they returned to class they had to gather up free-ranging worms.

Jane had three daughters with her first husband, Bill Walker. She and Bill divorced. When the girls were grown, she moved to Ventura, California, with husband David Halfin, also father of three children. Some of his family lived in the Ventura area.

Because Jane lacked the Spanish language requirement for teaching in California, she took on work in different fields: managing an IRS office, teaching English as a second language, and overseeing student teachers' classroom management techniques. Some of the student teachers were assigned to teach inmates in lockdown facilities. Jane visited the facilities and helped the nascent teachers cope.

When David's daughter became ill, she urged him to return to Colorado to be near her. He and Jane moved in to HG in 2007. He died in 2009.

Volunteer activity sees Jane through.



Above: As an alumni honoree, Jane LeCates congratulates recent graduates of University of Denver.

Right: At home, Jane, B202, stands by a flower arrangement she has designed.



See *LeCates...* page 26



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Book club blooms in CP1

When Carolyn Van Donselaar, CP1, offered to coordinate forming a neighborhood book club, she couldn't have anticipated she'd be creating a monster — in terms of size, at least. A former professor of Early Childhood Education, Van Donselaar offered to put in some hours performing research about the best way to create a book club for the neighborhood.

A number of CP1 residents attended an April luncheon, in Rendezvous Restaurant, at which the guest speaker, Jacqueline St. Joan, spoke about the book she had written, *My Sisters Made of Light*, about a woman's life in Pakistan. The provocative book by St. Joan, a human rights activist, lawyer and judge, offered insights into the difficulties of navigating the social, political and religious maze that is Pakistan, not only for its women, but for the men who live within Pakistan's borders

Several women who attended the luncheon found they didn't want the experience to end.

"On the way home, some of us remarked on what fun it was, and how great it could be to do it again, and discuss the book."

Van Donselaar agreed to spearhead the movement to put a book club together within CP1. She called on a sister who belonged to a book club, for her insights, and contacted the Aurora Public Library, to discover what resources could be mined there.

"The Aurora Public Library said, 'We don't offer a service for you to get books, but you could join our discussions groups,'" Van Donselaar reported.

"My sister and others suggested a good size for the group was eight to 10 people." Van Donselaar spread the word, at CP1's monthly happy hour, that the club was forming, and netted 10 interested people immediately, plus a few on a wait list.

Interest in the project continued to grow, as Van Donselaar and several other organizers puzzled over how to format the sessions.

"We chose the first Tuesday in September for our first gathering," Van Donselaar said.

They named their book club, Gray Matters. Eileen Headrick, who sponsored the St. Joan talk through her

membership in PEO, a professional organization that strives to increase educational opportunities for women, offered encouragement. Deidra Frey and Geri Adams joined Van Donselaar as members of the original planning group.

Selecting the books took some time. The planners tried to choose books from different genres.

The Rosie Project was named as the book for September. The book is about an Australian genetics professor who devises a scientific way to evaluate women, until he meets Rosie, who upsets all his equations.

Van Donselaar's husband, Don, had read, *Killing for Coal*, and recommended it, for the October session. Subtitled, *America's Deadliest Labor War*, the book examines coal mining and Colorado's 1914 Ludlow Massacre.

Sarah's Key was named as the book to read and discuss for November. The novel, based on a play, follows a modern-day investigation

into the 1942 roundup of Jews in German-occupied Paris, and the French citizens who hid them.

The planning trio selected the books, and wrote Book Club Notes for Gray Matters, outlining its basic structure. As time goes on, members will be encouraged to recommend books for future discussion.

The original circle expanded when a planning meeting occurred in July. Word about the club continued to spread. Several CP1 men — some of whom had belonged to book clubs before — asked, weren't the guys going to be invited to join, too?

The answer was, why not? When the number of interested applicants hit 20, planners determined that two sessions were indicated.

Gray Matters has all 20 members read the same book each month, with a discussion group held in the afternoon of the first Tuesday of the month, and a second discussion group that evening. The men were assigned to the evening session, as were those who still work.

Each session has an appointed host or hostess; a researcher, to provide background on the book; an illustrator, to outline the theme of the book; and a discussion leader, to keep the group on task. Van Donselaar agreed



CP1 Book Club Coordinator Carolyn Van Donselaar displays the first three books selected to be read and discussed.

See *Book Club...*page 26

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Seville B New Listing- Updated \$135,000

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The Month (September)

Golf greens fees are going up in 2017; however, Superintendent Brian Benko noted, at the Golf Committee, that the bottom line won't improve much next year, even with the rate increase. This is because expenses in 2016 were significantly lower than budgeted.

Staff turnover caused the golf course to operate with fewer employees than were budgeted. Assuming that, in 2017, the golf course is fully staffed, salaries will eat up the rate increases.

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At the Sept. 13 HGA Board Meeting, a resident asked about problems with hot and cold water fluctuating in the showers of multistory buildings.

"It's a safety issue," he commented.

General Manager Calvin Eddy-White responded that a letter had gone out to residents regarding the problem.

"The letter said the problem is a mixing valve. We can provide a list of contractors who will repair the mixing valve, at owner expense."

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Amid the many residents addressing the HGA on the proposed 10-year contract with Comcast, one resident raised a problem he is having with satellite television. Bob Daniel, CP5, noted he has lost his satellite signal, due to tree limbs.

"I'm paying for channels I don't get to see any more, since May." He indicated he'd received no satisfaction

discussing the problem with the Roads & Grounds crew. Eddy-White replied, "The amount of trimming [required] is greater than they would ordinarily do." HG policy is to not trim trees for views or sight lines.

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Bob and Wilma Mitchell, B205 celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2. They were married in 1951. Congratulations to both of you!

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Rudy Morris, B217, sent the following update: "The tragic fire on May 21, which claimed the life of Jerry Altman, left in its wake a lot of soot from the voluminous black smoke. This soot coated most of the 6th floor south and north wings. In June, demolition started on the hallway sheet rock, which was removed to facilitate inspection of interior sheet rock walls. Several weeks passed without further demolition while insurance adjusters worked on settlement claims.

"HG brought in an outside adjuster who used engineers and industrial hygiene experts to assess soot contamination, especially in the north wing that originally did not appear to be affected. Hygiene tests showed contamination that needed to be remediated. A decision was made to renovate the entire 6th floor and rebuild the units. (See photos, page 57.)

"All residents on the 6th floor had to remove their furniture for cleaning and storage. They moved into tempo-

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rary quarters off site. How long they will be displaced is unknown.

"The demolition restarted in August when all interior walls and fixtures were removed in the south wing and hauled offsite for disposal. Then the north wing demolition finished in September.

"The good news, if any, is the fire did not spread to or penetrate any adjoining units. The interior walls consist of two 5/8-inch thick sheet rock panels with fiberglass insulation. The damage was all in smoke and water.

"In September, ceilings and concrete were blasted with soda, cleaning soot from all floors and framing. All stairwells had a complete wipe down and cleaning."

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Below, new parking and bike lanes were painted on East Marina Drive as part of the city's effort to "calm" traffic traveling through HG. Photo by Bruce Henson, STH.



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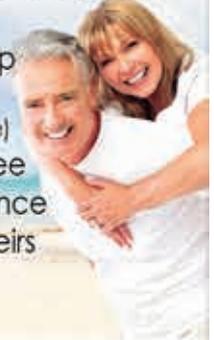
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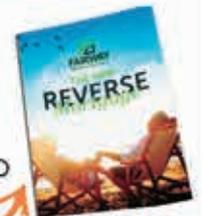
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Heather Gardens celebrated Fashion Week by having its own Fashion Show on Sept. 9. With clothing supplied by Dress Barn, HG residents modeled for friends and neighbors in the audience. While viewing the latest fall fashions and noshing on appetizers, participants spent a relaxing afternoon in Sandberg Auditorium.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

The Car Show on Sept. 17 brought out many classics!



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

LeCates...from page 17

"I've always been a joiner."

She has chaired Social Justice programs at Grace United Methodist Church, facilitating programs in human trafficking, domestic violence, and immigration issues.

"They're all God's children."

As a member of Community Faith Churches United Against Gun Violence, she advocates for gun safety, mental health safety, and urges Congress to "clean up the no fly list," a list that includes names of a U.S. Senator and a pre-school child. Membership in Against Gun Violence spans all Christian denominations, synagogues and mosques.

"We want children to not be killed."

Jane likes Aurora's diversity.

"I took line dancing at Aurora Center for Active Adults. It was so

beautiful to see the diversity up there, All these women dancing together — all Asians, Hispanics. Everybody's having fun. They're having a good time. To me, that's the way it should be."

She has facilitated Matter of Balance, a program about aging that is sponsored by Tri County Health, DRCOG, and ACAA. She has served on the program committee for Arapahoe Douglas County League of Women Voters.

At home, she arranged the floral decoration in her hallway and tends the planters at the front of her building.

This past summer she came full circle back to her girlhood inter-



Jane LeCates, stands among the plants in front of B202 that she lovingly tends.

ests when she helped set up for the Living Arts Division at the Arapahoe County Fair.

"I have done many, many things."

— Dala Giffin

Book Club...from page 19

to serve as coordinator for the club's first year.

The first afternoon and evening book-club sessions met on Sept. 6, to discuss *The Rosie Project*. Reviews were positive, not only for the book, but for how the club brought together neighbors to enjoy social time and share ideas.

Forming a book club fits neatly into HG's community watch program, which encourages neighbors in a building or area to be aware and alert, getting to know one another, to facilitate assessing security issues and the condition of neighbors, while sharing ideas and promoting better health through social interactions. Reading and discussing books is good for the brain.

Retired educator Van Donselaar said she is happy to share the information and research she gathered on how to form a book club for your area or building. Call her: 720-290-9908.

— Mary Hafka

Plan...from page 10

home service, discuss with these people a plan for what you will do in case of an emergency.

- A critical element to consider in emergency planning is establishing a personal support network or buddy system. This network can consist of friends, neighbors, family members, relatives, etc. Their job is to check with you after an emergency to ensure you are okay, providing help where needed.

- Do not to depend on any one person, but work out support relationships with several people.

- Evaluate your capabilities, limitations and needs, as well as your surroundings, to determine what type of help your personal support network may need to provide in an emergency.

- Will you be able to independently shut off the necessary utilities (gas, water, electricity)?

- Do you own and can you operate a fire extinguisher?

- Do you have an evacuation kit that you can quickly grab and carry if you must leave your home? (Include necessary medications, toiletries, any special sanitary aids, and emergency contact information.)

- Write instructions for the follow-

ing (keep a copy with you to share with your personal support network):

- How to turn off utilities
- How to operate and safely move any essential equipment you have
- How to safely transport you if you need to be carried
- How to provide personal assistance services
- How you will evacuate, and where you will go

Additions to the Emergency Kit and Go Bag:

- Extra mobility aids, including a manual wheelchair (Car batteries may be used to run an electric wheelchair.)
- A whistle to signal for help
- Necessary medications and supplies
- Special sanitary needs
- Important medical phone numbers
- Food that meets specialized dietary needs
- Make a list of your medications, medical conditions, insurance information, allergies, and have your insurance cards available. Keep one copy with you at all times. Give the other copy to someone else for safe-keeping.

Extra! Extra! Information for you—

CTC Update

HG received the “redlined” version of the Comcast contract draft back from the vendor on Sept. 15, at which time the HGA Board of Directors began an extensive review of Comcast’s changes to HG’s proposal.

Most of the key elements had been removed or compromised to such a degree that the board saw no way forward. Because of this,

the contract proposal for bulk TV and internet service delivered over a robust fiber optic network was declined and no further negotiation or discussion with Comcast is being considered. Residents are instructed to negotiate their own best retail price with Comcast as the lower bulk pricing will not be available.

Thanks to so many residents for your vocal support of CTC over the

past 2.5 years. Thanks also to HG neighbors who were unsure, or who voiced concerns. The debate was conducted with professionalism and respect — something that is all too often missing from dialog in the world these days.

You and I will see what the future brings.

— Bruce Henson, Chair
Campus Technology Committee

72-hour emergency kit

72-Hour Emergency Preparedness Home Survival Kit

An emergency preparedness kit, or 72-hour kit, should be a part of your home’s resources. Develop a plan with the necessary survival gear for your home and communicate it to your household. Have a contingency plan at all times. Home survival kits can be used for earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods, blackouts, severe winter storms and general 72-hour preparedness.

Include a three-day kit of the following items:

- Radio (with batteries)
- Water-Proof Matches
- Shovel
- Can Opener
- Dishes and Utensils
- Water (1 gallon or 4 liters per

- person) and food
- Change of Clothing (short- and long-sleeved shirts, pants, jackets, socks, etc.)
- Undergarments
- Rain Coat or Poncho
- Blankets and Emergency Heat Blankets (that keep in warmth)
- Cloth Sheet
- Plastic Sheet
- Battery Lighting (flashlights, lamps, etc.) Don’t forget batteries!
- Extra Batteries
- Flares
- Candles
- Pen and Paper
- Axe
- Pocket Knife
- Rope
- Duct Tape
- First Aid Kit and Supplies

- Toiletries (roll of toilet paper — remove the center tube to easily flatten into a zip-lock bag; feminine hygiene; folding brush; etc.)
- Cleaning Supplies (mini hand sanitizer, soap, shampoo, dish soap, etc. Warning: Scented soap might “flavor” food items.)
- Medications (Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, etc.)
- Prescription Medications (for 3 days)
- Legal Documents
- Vaccination Papers
- Insurance Policies
- Cash
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- Pre-Paid Phone Cards
- Lighter

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

The HG Optimist Club would like to thank HG residents for their wonderful support of our Ice Cream Social on Aug. 19. Over 200 ice cream treats and root beer floats were served. Forty-five sweepstakes prizes from 23 local businesses were given out. The grand prize was a \$100 King Soopers gift card.

The Optimist Club is a non-profit service organization with the motto,

"Friend of Youth." Your support allows us to serve the youth of Aurora. Our thanks to the 18 Optimist Club volunteers who worked at this event and members who solicited sweepstakes prizes. Also, thanks to the Rendezvous Restaurant for their help.

Paula Moore, B236

Mary Myrick, B217

Heather 'n Yon

It is with great sadness that I notify the HG community that one of our most beloved employees, Ed Medina, died on Aug. 20, at the age of

75. Both Ed and his wife, Jean, were employees of HG.

Ed was a crew chief in the Maintenance Department. Jean was the executive secretary in Administration. Ed and Jean retired together in January 2013 and moved to Florida to be close to their family.

Ed was respected by his fellow employees and residents. He took great pride in his work and took very good care of residents. He is survived by his wife, Jean, sons Michael and Victor, and unborn grandson,

See facing page

GM Report...from page 15

Contracts

- Continued with contractor assembling metal staircase for B231.
- Monitored NTH and STH siding replacement.
- Completed exterior painting of multi-story buildings.
- Replaced 14 windows.
- Worked with contractor for Atrium skylight repairs.
- Scheduled carpet and carpet base replacement for multi-story buildings.
- Scheduled CP1 siding, chimney and roofing replacement.
- Worked with Architect and Contractor for Seville Spa repairs.

Custodial

- Completed 18 work orders.
- Completed 10 Set-Ups at Clubhouse.
- Installed new carpet in elevators in B214, B216, and B232.
- Sealed break room floor in maintenance building.
- Power washed garage doors at B232, B233, and B235.

- Completed inspections of the Clubhouse, Restaurant, and B201-B206.
- Hired one full-time custodian.

Roads and Grounds

- Continued to work on storm damaged trees throughout the property.
- Completed 22 shrub pruning work orders.
- Pruned ahead of siding and roofing contractors.
- Swept and power washed garages in B217-B222.
- Completed re-grade between 13759-B and 13761-A in CP3.
- Began seal coat project CP1 and CP4.
- Continued herbicide treatments and weed pulling.
- Completed annual inspections of concrete and asphalt for repairs.
- Removed cedar trees at B233 parking slab for re-grade work.
- Continued on shrub removals and rock bed renovations.

Golf

- Continued daily mowing and golf preparations.
- Hand watering and irrigation re-

pairs continued.

- Installed drainage left of #9 green. Other drainage repairs made along golf cart path.
- Began hazing geese with Goosinator.
- Built access ramps for the Goosinator to enter lakes.

Restaurant

- Hosted several milestone birthday parties, Annual ARO Picnic, several memorials, and Ice Cream Social
- Introduced late night entertainment

Security

- Total of 343 reports written. Patrolled 3,480 miles.
- Attended the Community Watch Kick-off, 133 residents.
- Attended Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting.
- Met with Aurora Fire Department, Tony Krenz, to schedule training
- Attended Safety Committee meeting.
- Hired and trained new officer, Frank Tamayo.

Employee of the Month: Dawn Fradkin, Roads & Grounds Assistant Supervisor



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due in December, will be named after him. He will be sorely missed.

**Su Chae
Controller**

Heather 'n Yon

October has arrived and the HG Optimist Club is busy preparing for another Pancake Breakfast. This event is a great opportunity to partake of Rendezvous's delicious pancakes and sausages. Please join us to meet, greet and socialize with friends, family and neighbors.

The proceeds from this fund raiser (emphasis on the *Fun*) will be donated to Aurora youth programs (i.e., Excelsior Youth Center, Boys and Girls Clubs).

8–11 am Saturday, October 8
Rendezvous Restaurant

Price is \$7. Tickets are available from club members, in the Clubhouse, or at the door.

**Mary Anne Lewis
B213**

Heather 'n Yon

You can get HG's occasional email blasts by calling Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve, 303-751-1811. This is a great way to keep up to date!

You can get free drain cleaner for all kitchen or bathroom drains, called Double Whammy (up to 3 bottles), from the HG Maintenance supply (second door from east end of the Maintenance Building).

**Kay Sawyer, B221
Chair, Communication Committee**

Heather 'n Yon

We are the fabulous International Knitpickers 202, based in HG. We are in great need for donations of all kinds of yarn — and lots of it. We knit for many major projects, including the homeless, Children's Hospital, the redistribution center for the military in Wheat Ridge, and the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center. Please

call Barb, 720-242-4471 (leave message), or Carol, 303-264-4471. One of us will pick up your donated yarn. Thank you.

**Carol Johnson
B213**

Heather 'n Yon

Last month, I was leaving my writers group when I missed a curb and fell in the drive-through area. A car driven by Les Sonksen, a member of that group almost ran over me. He stopped and jumped out to try and help me up. Then he got one of HG Security officers. Neither could get me up. They called an ambulance that took me to have stitches and put me together again. Thanks to them for saving me!!

Blessings,

**Bob Ove
CP2**

Heather 'n Yon

In two weeks you will be getting your 2016 mail-in ballots and the election season will be drawing to a close. If you need to register to vote the forms are available at the Clubhouse Reception Desk. After a year of primaries, caucuses, state and national nominating conventions, *We, the People* will finally have our say. You have had opportunities to learn about the candidates from various sources. Media attention has been on the campaign for President, and is not much help for the lower races, or for the various constitutional questions.

The best non-partisan source for the constitutional issues is the "Blue Book" that all registered voters will get in the mail.

We would like to encourage your vote for the following Republican candidates who have spoken to the Republican Club at various times in the last year. You can research their backgrounds on their websites.

• Darryl Glenn for US Senate —

visited HG three times. An impressive young man. He won't be a rubber stamp for either president. *Electdarrylglenn.com*

• Mike Coffman for US Congress — a regular over the years who is always a supporter of the military and veterans. *coffmanforcongress.com*

• Nancy Doty for Colorado Senate District 26 (west side of HG). She brings business and County Govt experience. *NancyADoty.com*

James Woodley for Colorado Senate District 28 (east side of HG) A very sharp young man. *JamesWoodley.org*

Linda Garrison for Colorado House — a fresh conservative face. Her opponent has done nothing for HG in his four years in the state house. *LindaGarrison.org*

To hear and meet the candidates themselves, attend the Candidates Forum on Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the Sandberg Auditorium. Support candidates who support the Constitution, not those who think they could have done it better.

**Duff Stewart, B233
Ruth Prendergast, B235
Precinct 441 GOP co-leaders**

Heather 'n Yon

Concerned about who to vote for in the Congressional District this year? Mike Coffman was the driving force to get approval for reverse mortgages and purchase loans for HG condos from the FHA.

His opponent in the election is Morgan Carroll, who killed proposed legislation in the Colorado Legislature that would have protected developers of condos from frivolous lawsuits. Now there will be apartments built on the vacant land north of Yale instead of condos!

**Len Liss
B209**

Heather 'n Yon

• Amendment 69 ColoradoCare would result in a state income tax rate as high as 14.63 percent, the highest in the nation.

• Vermont abandoned a similar healthcare program after realizing that it would require a 151 percent
See Letters...page 35

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

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sat 1	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday) Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance	Game Room Sandberg Auditorium	2–5 pm 6:30–9:30 pm
Mon 3	Mah Jongg (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	Men's Bridge (every Monday)	Skyview Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Mountainview Room	6:30–9:30 pm
Tue 4	HGA Board Election	Sandberg Auditorium	8 am–5 pm
	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	B215 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	6:30 pm
Wed 5	Mobile Post Office	Circle Driveway	11:30–11:45 am
	Clubhouse Event: His Neighbor Phil	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–4:30 pm
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	Men's Poker (every Wednesday)	Skyview Room	4–9:45 pm
	Mary Blumer Piano (every Wednesday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	4–7 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm	
Thu 6	HG Breakfast Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	8 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries	Lodgepole Lounge	9 am–1 pm
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–3:30 pm
	Bunko	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
	Cribbage (every Thursday)	Arts & Crafts Room	1–3:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	CP4 Social	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	League of Women Voters, Arapahoe and Douglas	Rendezvous Restaurant	5:30 pm
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	6:30–9:30 pm
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	6:30 pm
Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9:30 pm	
Fri 7	Men with a Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
	500 Club (every Friday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

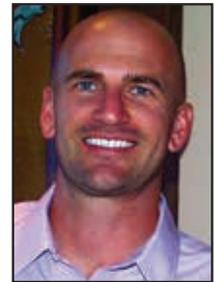
Mon, Oct. 3	Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday) Arts & Craft Room, 9 am–noon (see ad, p. 18)	Thu, Oct. 13	Stages of Alzheimers, MorningStar at Jordan, 6 pm (see ad, p. 13)
Tue Oct. 4	Understanding Dementia, MorningStar at Dayton Place 6–7 pm RSVP (see ad, p. 13)	Sun Oct. 16	Live Music and Pumpkin Crafting, MorningStar at Jordan 1-4 pm RSVP (see ad, p. 13)
Wed, Oct. 12	NEW Reverse Mortgage Seminar, Kent Montavon, Skyview Room 10:18 am (see ad, p. 23)	Sat, Oct. 22	Oktoberfest, Harvard Square, 2–3:30 pm RSVP (see ad, p. 28)



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Fri 7 (cont'd)	Mah Jongg (every Friday) Clubhouse Matinee: Hologram for a King Clubhouse Event: Stepping On, Balance Program Men's Poker (every Friday) Clubhouse Movie: Hologram for a King	Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Sandberg Auditorium	12:30–4 pm 1 pm 1–3 pm 4–9:45 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 8	HG Optimist Club Pancake Breakfast 50 and Who's Counting	Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	8–11 am 5:30–9:30 pm
Tue 11	VNA Clinic B203 and B204 Social Drinks/Dinner	Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1–3:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 12	Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: Oil Tennis Club Social and Dinner Aviation Club Clubhouse Event - Square Dance	Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm 5:30 pm 7 pm 7–9:30 pm
Thu 13	Green Team Fire Safety Meeting with HG Security Residents' Open Forum Karaoke Night <i>ARO Quarterly Meeting</i>	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	noon 3 pm 3 pm 5:30 pm 7 pm
Fri 14	Men with a Purpose Coffee Clubhouse Matinee: The Man Who Knew Infinity Clubhouse Event: Stepping On, Balance Program Clubhouse Event: AARP Driving Course Clubhouse Movie Night: The Man Who Knew Infinity	Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 1 pm 1–3 pm 1–5 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 15	Wine and Cheese Social Club Clubhouse Event - Line Dance	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	3–5 pm 6–9 pm
Mon 17	VNA Clinic CP4 Liverpool Rummy	Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room	1–3:30 pm 2–5 pm
Tue 18	Genealogy Swap Shop Clubhouse Event: Ask a Pharmacist Photography Club B205 and B206 Happy Hour	Aspen Room Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	10 am 11 am 12:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 19	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter) CP3 Social Capitol Update with Colorado Legislators Square Dancing Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Sandberg Auditorium	11:30 am 5 pm 6:30 pm 7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 20	HG Breakfast Optimist Club Bunko	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room	8 am 1–3:30 pm
Fri 21	Clubhouse Event: Craft Fair	Clubhouse	10 am–6 pm
Sat 22	Clubhouse Event: Craft Fair	Clubhouse	9 am–3 pm
Mon 24	Low Vision Support Group	Mountainview Room	1:30 pm
Tue 25	HG Republican Club HG Democrat Club Caregivers Support Group	Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	1:30 pm 4:30 pm 7 pm

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OCTOBER CALENDAR, Cont.

Wed 26	Resident Orientation Reverse 9-1-1 Training with HG Security	Board Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 6 pm
Thu 27	Frolics Open House	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
Fri 28	<i>Clubhouse Event: Vacation/Staycation Travel Expo</i> <i>Clubhouse Event: Stepping On, Balance Program</i>	Aspen Room Arts & Crafts Room	1 pm 1-3 pm

Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8-9 am

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

Six Stone Jars Catholic Bible Study, Please join us for a journey through the Scriptures. Only requirement is your Bible. We meet @ 10:30 am Tuesdays, Sept.-May, in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Geraldine Pochowicz, 303-740-6105, or email gerry.pochowicz@comcast.net.

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

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

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

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

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

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 10/14

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

- Communications – 10 am Tue, Oct. 4
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 4
- Long Range Planning – 10 am Wed, Oct. 5
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Oct. 6
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Oct. 10
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 11**
- Foundation – 1:30 am Wed, Oct. 12
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Oct. 13**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Oct. 13
(Rendezvous)
- Clubhouse/Rest – 9 am Tue, Oct. 18
- Campus Tech – 10 am Tue, Oct. 18
- Emergency Prepare – 1 pm Wed, Oct. 19
- ACC – 10 am Thu, Oct. 20
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Oct. 25
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Oct. 25

FYI

Ward V Town Hall Meetings

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents HG/Ward V on city council, has monthly town hall meetings on various topics. The next meeting will be 6-8 pm Tuesday, Oct. 18, at HG Sandberg Auditorium. Topics: 2016 Candidate Forum. Check www.auroragov.org, for details.

Ham Radio Operators

If you are a Ham Radio Operator, the HG Emergency Preparedness Committee would like to talk to you. The committee is considering using Ham Radio as a backup communication system in an extended emergency situation. A local repeater may be installed in the near future. If you are a Ham Operator, and would be interested, please send the following information: Name, Address, Phone, Email, and Ham Call Sign. Send to: Rudy Morris, B217, rudymorris4@gmail.com, 817-240-9394 (cell).

Skyline Chorus

1:30 pm; 4 pm Saturday, Oct. 8

Lone Tree Arts Center

10075 Commons St (Lincoln & (-25)

Join Skyline for a dress rehearsal to help and celebrate their international journey. You'll hear their competition package with traditional barbershop, energetic uptunes, and some sultry jazz. Tickets \$10. lonetreeartscenter.org. 720-509-1000.

Aurora Places: Planning Tomorrow's City

3-4:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 18

Sandberg Auditorium

Share your issues or concerns confronting Aurora and the HG community. Your input will

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VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

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

Schedule:

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1-3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room,
Barbara McShane and Trudy
Schneider, 303-755-2683

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

Note: Kaiser covers 100% medical foot care for some patients. Call 303-698-6496 to verify coverage. Or call Trudy Schneider, 303-755-2683, for information.

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tax increase to pay for it.

- Amendment 69 is exempt from TABOR. A Board of Trustees determines the ballot language for all tax rate increase questions.

This governing board will determine the level of healthcare coverage to be provided and applicable copayments. All residents, citizenship not required, of Colorado are eligible for healthcare whether contributing to the funding or not.

- To subsidize the cost of ColoradoCare, employers will pay 6.67 percent tax on wages paid. Employees will pay 3.33 percent tax on their taxable wages. The tax is assessed regardless of employment status: full time, part time, temporary, seasonal, self-employed.

- Taxpayers will be required to pay 10 percent tax on all non-payroll income including business, rental, farm and ranch, gambling/lottery, real estate sales and investment income, including interest, dividends, and capital gains.

- Taxable portion of pensions, social security, IRA distributions and annuity income above the exempted amount (\$33,000 for single payer; \$60,000 for a couple) is subject to the 10% tax. All this in addition to normal state/federal income tax obligations.

- Amendment 69 is opposed by Governor John Hickenlooper, former Governor Bill Ritter, Senator Michael Bennett, State Treasurer Warren Stapleton, Colorado Hospital Association, NARAL Pro-

Choice Colorado and the National Federation of Independent Business in Colorado, to name a few. (ColoradoHealthInstitute.org, health-careoptionsthatwork.org)

I believe Amendment 69/ColoradoCare, if passed into law, will have a devastating impact on Colorado. It could cause a mass exodus of healthcare providers, insurance companies and even many residents. Of course, it may attract new people from all over the world who want free healthcare.

Please vote "No" on Amendment 69 ColoradoCare.

**Joyce Brown
CP1**

Heather 'n Yon

On Sept. 17, a 90th birthday celebration was held for Donna Anderson at the Clubhouse. There were several speakers, but no mention was made about Donna's participation in Sweet Adelines, an all women's a capella singing group.

She and I were both members of Sweet Adelines in the 1960s and 70s. She was an officer, sang in two quartets and the full chorus. It was a time consuming activity, but great fun with a wonderful fellowship among the members.

Donna was a singer before she became a golfer, which most speakers mentioned.

**Carolyn
Arterburn
B204**

Heather 'n Yon

Welcome Fall. Goodbye to the long, hot summer. It was too hot for me to do a lot of walking around the community. Now that cooler seasons are coming, it's time to get back outside.

In July, *Time* magazine had an article titled "The healing power of nature." The Forest Agency of Japan recommended people take strolls in the woods for better health. It's called forest bathing.

There is evidence that spending time in nature is responsible for many beneficial changes in the body. A researcher found that trees and plants emit aromatic compounds called phytoncides, similar to aromatherapy.

HG residents don't live in a forest, but we have beautiful grounds. The purpose of this letter is to encourage you to get outside and enjoy what HG has. Just get out and walk, or sit and relax. Roads and Grounds Supervisor Jeff Owens and his staff do an outstanding job of providing so much of what nature has to offer, right out your front door.

Get out and work on lowering blood pressure, lowering anxiety and induce a state of physiologic relaxation. It's all free, no prescriptions needed.

Marilynn Miciek, B221

Right: Family and friends of Donna Anderson, B204, (center front in middle photograph) helped her celebrate her 90th birthday on Sept. 17. Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

Celebrating 60 years married

My wife and I have been married for 60 years. We were married on June 4, 1956.

Here's our story:

I was the senior assistant in Psychology at Bethany College at Bethany, West Virginia, and also a full time minister at a church in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania, a coal mining town. Coal mining was the big employer at the time. I was traveling 100 miles round trip, living on about 3-4 hours sleep a night.

At one point, I became doubled over with pain, which sent me to the Greene County Hospital in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. I was admitted and scheduled for appendicitis surgery. My doctor, Dr. Patterson, was a stickler for orders. He said that I was simply exhausted, insisting that I be given a sleeping pill.

On my ward were 21 other miners. They all admired how well I could sleep. It was about 9 pm when this nurse came in. She made me get up to give me a sleeping pill! Of course, I was not a happy camper.

A few months later, the chairman of the board at the church, Fred Gray, had to have gall bladder surgery. Gray told his nurse what a neat guy they had as a minister. She told him, "When he comes in, turn on your light, and I'll come to meet him."

As was my habit, I visited the hospital. When I showed up, Fred called the nurse. When she was led in, we both died laughing. She'd been the nurse who gave me the sleeping pill!

The young people from the church were having a skating party, so I invited nurse Joan (Jo) to come with me.

She told me, "I don't know how to skate."

I said, "No big deal." I had skated with the Ice Capades training school.

When we met at the skating rink, Jo showed up with a scruffy set of boots and skates. The white was barely visible with all the scuff marks. I thought, "Yeah, right."

I changed my shoes for skates, then helped her put on boots and



Dick and Jo Laslo, B213, hold their wedding photo on their 60th anniversary on June 4, 1956.

skates.

"Don't go anywhere," I told her. She was thinking, "If he only knew — I can't go anywhere!"

When I came and offered my hand, Jo got up and immediately slipped to the floor. It became obvious, as I helped her up from between my legs, that she did not know how to skate!

I was wearing a skin tight charcoal sweater, which got pulled on frequently that night. The right sleeve developed a 6-inch sag that never did get back to its original shape.

Jo Humphrey was a graduate of Fairmont, West Virginia School of Nursing. Her dad was a coal mining superintendent for Consol (Conoco) in Barrackville, West Virginia. She had three brothers and two sisters.

As we dated, we fell in love. Because I had promised my dad that I would not get married until after I graduated from college, we did not marry until June 4, 1956,

in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. (I graduated from Bethany College on June 3.)

We have three sons.

Richard is a retired Navy veteran who is married to Brenda. They have a son and a daughter. He currently works with the U.S. Postal Service in Iowa.

Middle son, Michael Joseph, is an instructional designer for John Deere, who lives in Des Moines, Iowa. He has two daughters. Joe is serves as the CEO of Urban Bicycle Food Ministry, a group that rides their bicycles every Thursday, delivering necessary food and other items to children living in housing projects. Food includes burritos, cookies, water, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. In the summer, bug spray is included. In winter: gloves, hand warmers, blankets.

Youngest son, Mark David, is also a veteran of both the Navy, where he flew E2C Hawkeyes off of aircraft carriers, and the Air Force, where he flew C130s. Dave currently flies for American Airlines. He and his wife, Kathleen, own a Molly Maid franchise in Aurora.

We moved here to be close to Dave and Kathleen.

Before retiring, Jo worked at Norfolk's Children's Hospital (King's Daughters). She was known as Grandma Laslo, the nurse to call when an IV had to be started or a shot given to a frightened child.

- Dick Laslo, B213



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Residents had a lot to smile about when eating their ice cream or root beer floats at the HG Breakfast Optimist Club ***Ice Cream Social*** on Aug. 19. Proceeds from the event support the club's program to help young people in Aurora. Club members served up the ice cream to all who attended the event.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

Clubs and Organizations

Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

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

We are the only lodge that meets during the day in the Denver metro area. For information, call Bill Rapp, 303-632-4515.

Meditation Group.

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

Wood Shop Meeting

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

CP1

Our happy hour is held 5 pm in Rendezvous' Banquet Room on the first Wednesday of each month. See you on Oct. 5!

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

Our fall pancake breakfast will be Saturday, Oct. 8. Tickets can be purchased from any Optimist, in the Clubhouse lobby or during the Friday night Rendezvous buffets. Drawing for prizes: every half hour. You do not need to be present to win.

We meet at 7:55 am in Rendezvous, alternate Thursdays, and provide a complimentary buffet breakfast to first timers. For reservations, call Craig Baldwin, 720-535-1917.

Programs this month:

Oct. 6:
Danette Purdy will speak on, "Senior Pro-active Planning."

Oct. 20:
Dr. Steve Gumpenberger talks about, "Understanding your Health Potential."

On Sept. 15, we elected a new president and two vice presidents. Jeannine Montgomerie, B214, was elected president for the year, starting Oct. 1. Dick Laslo, B213, assumes the position of first vice president (VP), and Chuck Montgomerie will serve as second VP. Mary Anne Lewis, B213, will serve her first year as secretary, and Paula Moore, B236, will begin her third year as treasurer.

TOPS

Take off pounds sensibly (TOPS) is so much more than just a weight loss group, or a diet group, or a support group, or a nutritional group, or a group that talks about how the food we eat affects our health. We are all of the above.

Did we mention we also are the least expensive weight loss group around? At only \$32 a year and 15¢ a meeting, it's a real bargain. We meet at 8:30 am every Thursday in the Blue Spruce Room. Come on in around 8:15 am, so we can all say "hi" and welcome you.

The meeting ends at 9:30 am. We pack that hour with fun, support and education. Guests are welcome. For information, call or text Sandy Marthaler, 720-220-2678.

HG Writers Club

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

We currently meet 1–3:30 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

CP4

Our monthly socials are 5 pm the first Thursday of the month, at Rendezvous. Come meet your neighbors. Ordering food is optional. Also, join us for Liverpool Rummy on the third Monday each month, 2 pm, in the Mountainview Room. – Carol Drollinger

League of Women Voters

Our unit meets 5:30 pm at the Rendezvous Restaurant on the first Thursday of most months – Oct. 6 this month. HG is home to a number of members; others reside in the surrounding area.

LWVADC is a cadre of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to educate, advocate, and empower our fellow citizens in the democratic processes. We will be conducting non-partisan Voter Registration Drives throughout Arapahoe and Douglas counties.

Membership is open to women and men. For information, call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466, or Mary Lou Scott, 303-481-8898.

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

This club is a member of a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The club meets 6 pm Thursdays at HG Rendezvous Restaurant.

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

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 (in October) the second Friday, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For further information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

50 & Who's Counting?

Fall is here again. Let's celebrate it on 5:30 pm Saturday, Oct. 8, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. We will have a potluck of your favorite fall dishes. Later, we will play Bunco. Please bring \$5 for prize money, if you play. See you then. – Sandy Brent



Above: Visiting Optimist International District Governor Curt Merrill (right) inducted several new members into the HG Optimist Club on Aug. 18. From left: Bob Taylor, B242; Jo Laslo, B213, Laura Moreno, Sophie Fontaine, B208; Chuck Montgomerie, B214; Karen Roney, Mike and Marie Connolly, B223; Ethel Plotkin, B203.

Ports of Call Singles

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

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

Parkinson Support Group

The Parkinson Support Group of Aurora meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Life Care Center of Aurora, 1–3 pm, at 14101 E. Evans Ave.

B203 and B204

B203 and B204 hold a combined social, at Rendezvous on the second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm, for drinks and dinner. – Elle Pope

HG Aviation Club

The October Aviation Club meeting will be 7 pm Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the Aspen Room. The club hopes to have a program on the Super Corsair.

The September meeting offered a great DVD on the Chino, California, annual air show featuring five of six P-38s still flying in the U.S. All members enjoyed watching this historic event. A new member, Larry Litsey, brought along his RC model P-38 for display and discussion.

For additional information, contact Rudy Morris, rudymorris4@gmail.com, 817-240-9394.

The Green Team

If you are interested in, or simply curious about, your environment and what you personally can do to improve it, then come to our next meeting: noon Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Skyview Room. We discuss anything from the birds and the bees

(not what you may think) to pollution of drinking water, and everything in between. We have spirited discussions, and lots of laughs. Mark your calendar to join us. Contact Wendy, 303-306-0066, for more information.

TIP for the Month: If you are planning to remodel your condo, be sure the paint you select does not contain toluene. Also, check that new carpet for formaldehyde. It's difficult to believe these chemicals can be contained in basic household necessities, and have been linked to asthma. Talk with your supplier before you buy.

Wine & Cheese Social Club

Join us on the third Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network

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

has an uplifting message.

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

Genealogy Swap Shop

If you are interested in finding your ancestors and tracing your family history, please join us on the third Tuesday of each month, 10 am–noon, Skyview Room. For information, contact Harold

Thompson, 720-748-7090, or Ruth Miller, 720-535-4954.

Photo Club

The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm in the Aspen Room.

B205 and B206

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

Colorado Symphony Guild–Hilltop/Southeast Chapter

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

RSVPs are required. For further information, call Connie Reger, 720-535-6485.

CP3

The social meets 5 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in Rendezvous Restaurant.

Seville Recreation Association

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

Low Vision Support Group

Our no-cost meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We hope you will join us. Marsha Bergen, 720-535-5224.

HG Republican Club

Do Not Vote until you understand the Colorado voters new Blue Book. Former Colorado District 28 Senator Bruce Cairns, CP4, will address this complex subject at 1:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 25 meeting, in the Aspen Room.

Senator Cairns, a Vietnam vet, will address and explain each section and changes in the 2016 Blue Book. He will follow his presentation with a Q & A session.

All those interested in Colorado's future are invited. Bring your Blue Book, and your questions. – Larry Swift

HG Democrats

Please plan to attend our monthly Democratic meeting, 4:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Rendezvous Banquet Room. Our speaker will be Rich Jones from the Bell Policy
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Larry Litsey displayed his remote controlled model P-38 lightning airplane at the last Aviation Club meeting.

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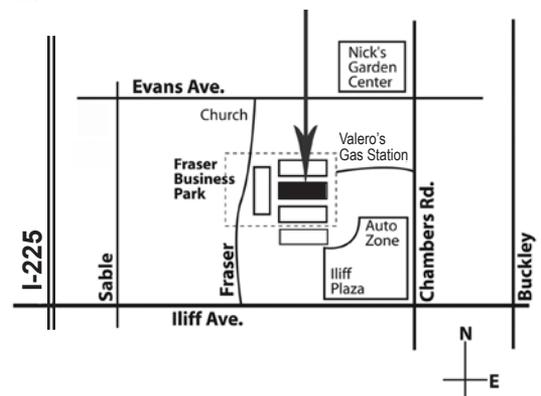
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Sports and Recreation

Mexican Train Dominoes

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. For information, call Viola, 720-535-5638, or Peggy, 303-752-4696.

Mah Jongg

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

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

All HG players are welcome. For information: Lorraine Solomon, 303-696-8771.

Men's Bridge

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

Ping Pong

Fun and free. Friendly competition, great exercise. Come and join us in playing table tennis. The advanced and intermediate players both are welcome Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2–3:30 pm, Game Room. See you there.

Beginning players may meet on Fridays at 2 pm, but you need to call Hope Goetz, 303-750-2881, and she can arrange for an advanced player to come help you learn the rules, and teach you to play. Bring a friend with whom to play.

Pinochle

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

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

Hand and Foot

This card game is fun, and easy to learn. We meet

every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. Questions, call Phyllis Lann, 720-535-8531.

Tennis Club

The club is now offering free tennis lessons twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the fall. If you are rusty and haven't played for many years, or wanted to try but just never did, you are welcome to bring a racket; we supply the balls. Volunteer coaches will work with you for free. Call Wendy, 303-306-0066, for information.

The monthly tennis social will continue on the second Wednesday, starting at 5 pm, in Rendezvous. All current players, ex-high school or college players, tennis enthusiasts, or wanna-be players are welcome to these gatherings.

The end-of-season picnic was a success with lots of socializing and good food. A big thank you to those who worked so hard. Grillmeisters Coy Whorton and Frank Leyden were fantastic! Chief Goffer, Bob Schlageter, ran his feet off making everything smooth.

Another big thank you, to Donlie Smith for his dedication to "the cause" over the past two years. Did we hear him utter a sigh of relief, simultaneously, as he passed the keys to Wendy Pfaffhausen, the new club president? Jimmie Whorton will serve as the new vice president, while Jim Lamb will continue in the capacity of treasurer.

Congratulations to Gracia Chen, Karen Roney, Coy Whorton, Cathy Robertus and Linda Shafer for scoring highest on the quiz. Each took

home a mouse-centerpiece prize.

Billiard Club

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

All new players are welcome.

Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174.

Co-ed 8-Ball August 16

- 1st Dee Moore, Hi Reynolds
- 2nd Judy Brehmer, Sean Kelliher
- 3rd Cathy Schmit, Milt Larry

August 23

- 1st Connie Burns, Milt Larry
- 2nd Larry Schneller, Sean Kelliher
- 3rd Virginia DiGuseppi, Gil Lochhead

August 30

- 1st Charlie Kachadoorian, Gil Lochhead
- 2nd Roger Goldstein, Lindy Davenport
- 3rd Ann Dhority, Sean Kelliher

September 6

- 1st Geri Bartolini, Hi Reynolds
- 2nd Dee Moore, Joe Ozorkiewicz
- 3rd Judy Brehmer, Jim Huter

Men's 9-Ball August 18

- 1st Gail Gibson
- 2nd Hi Reynolds
- 3rd Chuck Finder

August 25

- 1st Chuck Finder
- 2nd Lindy Davenport

September 1

- 1st Hi Reynolds
- 2nd Gail Gibson

September 8

- 1st Lucky Highfill
- 2nd Gail Gibson
- Cathy Schmit

Ladies Golf Club

We want to thank the Spring Hill Ladies Golf Club for a great two-day tournament held at both Spring Hill and HG. The tournament was topped off with a luncheon at Rendezvous Restaurant, with



Left: Tennis club members showed off their prize (a mouse made from tennis balls) at the August picnic. From left: Gracia Chen, B210; Karen Roney; Coy Whorton, STH; Cathy Robertus and Linda Shafer.

great food and wonderful camaraderie. Big thanks to everyone who helped with, and made this one of our best tournaments of the year.

The HGLGC Awards Luncheon will be held Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Rendezvous. Social hour will begin at 11:30 am, with lunch served at noon. Cost is \$13 per person, with checks made payable to Rendezvous. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Game Room (where tournaments are scored) and the Golf Pro Shop.

An upcoming event is the Fitzsimons Tournament, which will be held at HG on Thursday, Oct. 6. What a great way to meet golfers and make new friends, while having a fun-filled day of golf. Please make sure to sign-up ASAP. Also, the HGLGC Helpers Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Update on the Rally for Cure Tournament. Chairpersons Connie Burns, Flo Madonna and Linda Savage announced that the HGLGC raised approximately \$8,000, with expenses of approximately \$3,700. Thanks again to all sponsors, participants and everyone involved in planning and running the Rally.

The 2016 golf season is winding down. The regular Wednesday tournaments will end on Sept. 28. The 2016 slate of officers will continue to serve in 2017: President Bonnie McMullen, Vice President Pat Reichert, Secretary Mary Thornton, and Treasurer Mary Frevert. The last board meeting will be held 1 pm Wednesday Oct. 26.

Tournament Winners Aug. 24

Flight A

- 1st Joyce Laffea
- 2nd Susie Platt
- 3rd Glenda Pitts

Flight B

- 1st Connie Burns, Sally Koepke, Joan Murphy

Flight C

- 1st Georgia Ptacek
- 2nd Sharla Sheeks, Marilyn Cornell

Flight D

- 1st Kathy Liss, Christina Toon
- 2nd Lorayne Rosenfeldt

August 31

Flight A

- 1st Glenda Pitts, Debbie Madril
- 2nd Lynn Donaldson, Sara King, Nancy Bonniwell

Flight B

- 1st Mary Ann Morris, Joan Murphy, Kathy Shields

Flight C

- 1st Margaret Morton
- 2nd Marilyn Cornell, Diane Dean, Cecily Kittleson

Flight D

- 1st Christina Toon
- 2nd Ginger Anderson
- 3rd Kathy Liss, Lorayne Rosenfeldt

September 7

Flight A

- 1st Susie Platt
- 2nd Charlane Plucheck, Sara King

Flight B

- 1st Judy Kauzlarich
- 2nd Bonnie McMullen, Flo Madonna

Flight C

- 1st Cecily Kittleson
- 2nd Karen Huber, Gini Klein

Flight D

- 1st Kathy Liss
- 2nd Ginger Anderson
- 3rd Sharon Hartenbach

September 14

Flight A

- 1st Liz Sanchez, B. Gould, Susie Platt

Flight B

- 1st Susan Brennan
- 2nd Paula Hammond
- 3rd Jeanne Hizer

Flight C

- 1st Helen Reasoner
- 2nd Diane Dean, Linda Savage

Flight D

- 1st Kathy Liss
- 2nd Joyce Angel
- 3rd Sharon Hartenbach

Check out our website at www.heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com for additional HGLGC information.

HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays and 6:30 pm Thursdays in Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early.

For more information, call John Osterberg, 720-535-1038, or Merrily VanZevern, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Corley Freisen, 303-872-3308.

Square Dancing

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

All square dancers are welcome.

Call Dolores Bendekgey with questions, 720-747-4666. Cost: \$5 per person.

Bunko

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

HG Men's Golf Club

The Charity Tournament, held Aug 22, was a huge success. We netted nearly \$4,000 that was given to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) to pay for transportation to get veterans to and from VA clinics all over Colorado. The vans are operated by DAV members.

Club Championship Results

A Flight Gross

- 1st John Bender, Club Champion
- 2nd Lamb, Schmit
- 3rd Oakland
- 4th JM McLaughlin, Stevens
- 5th Joy

A Flight Net

- 1st Brook, White, Vern Thompson
- 2nd Barth
- 3rd Finder
- 4th Croak
- 5th Parko

B Flight

- 1st Zipps
- 2nd Deal
- 3rd Neu
- 4th Maestas, DePaolo, Hizer

C Flight

- 1st Wall
- 2nd Larry, Marquardt
- 3rd Merges
- 4th Good
- 5th Lozano, JR McLaughlin

D Flight

- 1st B. Chavez
- 2nd Gibson
- 3rd Brown
- 4th Robertson, Murphy
- 5th Romero

E Flight

- 1st Budden
- 2nd Virgil Thompson
- 3rd Tellis

August 26

A Flight

- 1st Barth, Leydens
- 2nd Torrey, Bradley
- 3rd Finder
- 4th Oakland

B Flight

- 1st Deal
- 2nd Maestas

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be included with other workshops to help the city prepare its next comprehensive plan.

For more information, contact: Jay Bluestein, 303-745-5646; Debbie Stelle, 719-252-6060; Craig Baldwin, 720-535-1917.

Arapahoe County Hiring

Arapahoe County is looking to hire 300 paid temporary election workers for the 2016 General Election. Wages start at \$12 per hour and paid training is required. Interested candidates can apply at www.arapahoevotes.com/Apply.

"Election workers will experience first-hand the excitement of the Presidential Election by assisting voters at one of 25 Voter Service and Polling Centers or by processing ballots at our Elections Facility," says Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Matt Crane. "We have a variety of positions to fill and are looking for individuals who like working with people and are proficient with computers or iPads." Applicants should be available to attend training
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Center. He will review all of the ballot initiatives that we will vote on in the upcoming election.

There are more than enough initiatives to cause confusion, so the possibility of some clarification and wisdom should be welcome. This will be an important meeting, as it is just two weeks from election day.

Alice Madden, the at-large candidate for the C.U. Regent position, might also join us as well. All are welcome! Questions? Call Tom Fitzgerald, 303-338-4360.

Caregivers Support Group

This group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7–8:30 pm, in the Aspen Room. The group is open to all residents of HG who provide care for family or friends.

The object is to meet for fellowship, fun, education, and to solve problems together. It is a chance to meet others in the same situation, to learn how we meet the challenges of caregiving. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

Frolics Club

An Open House meeting is scheduled for 5 pm Thursday, Oct. 27, in Rendezvous Restaurant. Please plan to pay your membership dues for 2016–17 at this meeting.

Auditions for the 2017 spring show will be held 2–5 pm Sunday, Nov. 13, in the Sandberg Auditorium.

The HG Frolics Club held a General Meeting last August to conduct its annual board elections. The following board members were elected and have taken office: President Barbara Schneller; Vice-President Sheila Bluestein; Treasurer Chuck Montgomerie; Corresponding Secretary Maria Mines; Recording Secretary John Murphy; and Business Manager Joyce Laman. The office of Assistant Business Manager remains unfilled.
– M. Mines

HG Grief Support

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Employee Recognition

Employee of the Month

Lewis Linthicum started in the Maintenance Department at Heather Gardens (HG) in July 2015. During the year he has been here, many residents have praised him for the great work he has done.

One resident in particular stated: "I have resided in HG for 13 years. During this time, I have never had anyone follow up on a job as Mr. Lewis Linthicum.

"I submitted a work order for a water leak in my basement ceiling in May of this year. Mr. Linthicum came to my home and evaluated the problem. I decided to have a new toilet installed by HG.

"I had the toilet installed and to my surprise, Mr. Linthicum followed up with a HG Maintenance card attached to my front door, asking if my toilet had been installed and suggesting I contact him to measure the opening in my basement ceiling so he could follow up with the Paint Department.

"Mr. Linthicum is a great asset to HG Maintenance. He is very professional and follows through to get the job completed."

For these and many other reasons, I am pleased to announce Lewis Linthicum as Employee of the Month for July 2016.

– Calvin Eddy-White, General Manager

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*Lewis Linthicum
Maintenance
Serviceman*

Employee of the Month

Since Dawn Fradkin began working for the Roads & Grounds Department, she has steadily and repeatedly demonstrated performance abilities that far exceed expectations.

Dawn is knowledgeable in the many difficult tasks she encounters daily. She is a self-starter, and motivates the people she supervises. Dawn has initiated and completed many projects that have greatly improved the landscaping in HG. This is evident by the many compliments that management gets about Dawn on a weekly basis.

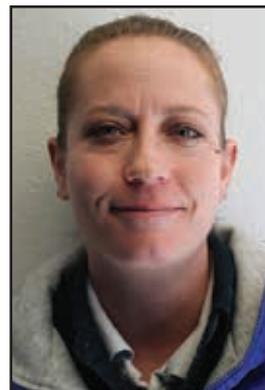
A letter was recently received from a resident, highly recommending Dawn for Employee of the Month. She stated that "Dawn is conscientious and hardworking every time I see her, as well as friendly and courteous whenever she speaks to me."

The staff in the Management Office mentioned that residents regularly compliment Dawn's work.

Dawn is a large contributor to the Roads & Grounds Department. She has proven thorough in her dedication to improve HG's landscaping she manages. She always displays a professional and positive attitude when working in the field.

For these reasons, I am pleased to announce Dawn Fradkin as Employee of the Month for August 2016.

– Calvin Eddy-White
General Manager



*Dawn Fradkin
Roads & Grounds
Assistant Supervisor*

HGMD Foundation

In August, the HGMD Board approved renovating the waterfall landmark on the Golf Course between holes #8 and #9. Based on that approval, an initial payment of \$33,611, was made to the contractor to secure the contract and begin. The project is expected to be completed later this year.

To date, donations to the Foundation Fund have been \$1,948 for the year. Expenditures have been \$36,954, for the same period. The Foundation account was also credited with \$3,509.59, in interest accrued on a CD that was partially liquidated to pay for the Waterfall Project.

The committee was sad to see Joe Heugel resign. He has served the committee and HG with distinction. I very

much appreciate his service.

Also, the committee welcomed Blanche McKinney as a new member. Blanche has served HG in many ways for many years. I am happy to have her join the Foundation Committee.

Donations to the General Fund, August 2016

- HG Bridge Club in memory of Kyle Kriegsmann

Donations to the Tree Fund, July 2016

- B236 in memory of Raymond Acheson
- B215 in memory of John Hopkins

Thank you to all committee members who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of HG. THANK YOU to all who continue to donate.

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C Flight

1st Lozano

2nd Larry

3rd Jensen

4th Merges

D Flight

1st B. Chavez

2nd Gibson

3rd Richardson

4th Worthey

5th Maitland, Robertson

E Flight

1st Budden

2nd Virgil Thompson

3rd Heugel

4th Erion

September 2

A Flight

1st Bradley, Hartenbach

2nd Parko, Bengen

3rd Leydens, Vern Thompson,
Buck

B Flight

1st Hileman

2nd Smith, Liss, Binder, Francone

C Flight

1st Gallegos

2nd B. Chavez, Merges

3rd Jensen, Gibson

D Flight

1st Worthey

2nd McMullen, Reasoner

3rd Jackson, Robinson

E Flight

1st Heugel, Bell

September 9

A Flight

1st Maestas

2nd Stevens, Leydens

3rd JM McLaughlin, Bengen

B Flight

1st Deal, Francone, Neu

2nd DiPaolo, Larry, Liss, Binder

C Flight

1st Virgil Thompson

2nd Gibson, Gallegos

3rd Cowan

4th Lozano, Connolly, Robertson

D Flight

1st Kinahan, Brown, Richardson

2nd Galambos

3rd Romero

4th Robinson

E Flight

1st Maitland

2nd Corliss

3rd Bell

The Golf Season is drawing to a close. We hope everyone has had a great time. We will have the Fall Banquet

Thursday, Oct. 16 at Rendezvous Restaurant: 5 pm social, dinner at 6. The cost will be \$15 per person; just leave a check at the Pro Shop. See you all at the banquet. — Rich Richardson, 303-368-5647.

Hiking Club

The response to the *Letter to Editor* about starting a hiking group was met with interest from 10 people. We met to organize, and have chosen the second and fourth Tuesdays to hike.

October hikes will be Cherry Creek State Park on Oct. 11, and Indian Creek, Pike National Forest, on Oct. 25. For anyone interested in joining, meet at 8 am, Clubhouse entrance. Call Les Sonksen, 303-872-3510, for more information or email braveday@socolo.net.

On Aug. 30, we did the Highline Canal pathway at City Center Park. On Sept. 13, we enjoyed the free two-hour Denver Tour. The South Rim Trail at Roxborough State Park was scheduled for Sept. 27.

Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for October. We will play mostly outdoors, on the HG Pickleball Courts. We always welcome new Pickleball players, so come join us. Enjoy this fast growing sport!

When playing outdoors, we still have beginner clinics for newer players and former players who need some practice, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

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

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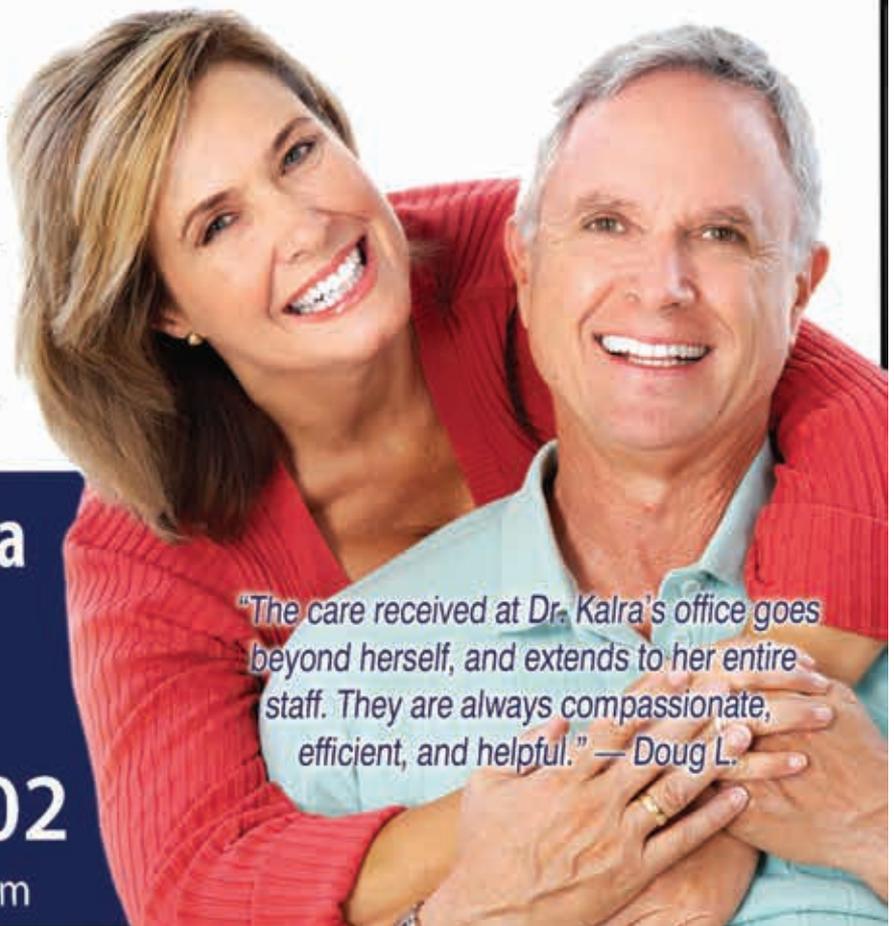
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Mummies: Secrets Of The Pharaohs (IMAX)

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 11 am, Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Signup deadline: Sept. 28,

Cost: \$21

The ancient past comes to spectacular life in this movie about Egypt in the time of the pharaohs. Part historic journey and part forensic adventure, the film follows researchers and explorers as they piece together archaeological discoveries and genetic clues from mummies. Price includes admission to the IMAX film and to the museum. Film starts at 11:30 am. We will arrive at the museum by 11; leave by 2:30 pm.

Frankenstein

Saturday, Oct. 22, 1:30 pm, Stage Theatre

Signup deadline: Oct. 1

Cost: \$36

Given life from a man with a

troubled heart, a creature assembled from corpses sets out into the unforgiving world to discover his humanity. As he uncovers both kindness and cruelty, he seeks out the doctor who created him to demand answers about his troubled existence.

Swan Lake

Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 pm, Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Signup Deadline: Oct. 2

Cost: \$66

Colorado Ballet opens its 56th season with *Swan Lake*, featuring Tchaikovsky's classic score performed live by the Colorado Ballet Orchestra. *Swan Lake* is one of the greatest classical ballets of all time, juxtaposing the themes of love and unrequited love throughout the timeless story of Prince Siegfried, the beautiful Princess Odette, the villainous Baron Von Rothbart, and evil Odile.

Dazzle

Thursday, Oct. 27, 10 am

Signup deadline: Oct 6

Thursday, Nov. 10, 10 am

Signup deadline: Oct. 20

Thursday, Dec. 8, 10 am

Signup deadline: Nov. 17

Cost: \$23

Lunch and live jazz! Includes your choice of three chef-inspired entrees, soda, coffee, tea or glass of red or white wine, draft beer or well drink.

Beer, Beautiful Beer

(Active Minds Bus Tour)

Thursday, Oct. 27, 1–4 pm

Cost: \$37

Signup Deadline: Oct.. 6

Join Active Minds for a look at the golden glasses once drunk more frequently than water. Learn how beer changed the future forever. Visit local breweries on the bus tour. Learn some history and enjoy beer tastings. Explore it all. Refreshments in Clubhouse. Bus tour and beer tasting are included in cost. Locations to be announced closer to date.

The Wonder Bread Years

Saturday, Oct. 29, 1:30 pm,

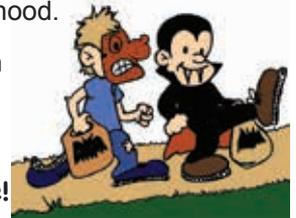
Lone Tree Arts Center

Signup deadline: Oct. 8

Cost: \$31

A fresh and funny salute to Americana, *The Wonder Bread Years*, starring former Seinfeld writer Pat Hazell, is a hilarious one-man show-and-tell. He reminds you that there is still a kid inside each of us, and a sense of wonder that is waiting to be unlocked. A salute to pure escapism and the Baby Boomer Generation, *The Wonder Bread Years* is akin to opening a time capsule packed with the most common joys of childhood.

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Jersey Boys

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2 pm
The Buell Theatre
Signup deadline: Oct. 22
Cost: \$60

Jersey Boys is the Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award Best Musical about The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick

Massi. This is the true story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. *Jersey Boys* features their hit songs "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Oh What a Night" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

National Geographic Live

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10 am,
Lone Tree Arts Center
Signup deadline: Oct. 26
Cost: \$21

Join Bryan Smith, an award-winning filmmaker for the National Geographic Channel, as he shares gripping moments from his assignments to document extreme feats and high adventure in the world's most challenging environments. An experienced kayaker who had paddled steep rivers in India, Peru, and Russia, Smith was inspired to take up video photography while protesting a hydroelectric dam.

Denver Concert Band: Seasonal Sensations

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2:30 pm,
Lone Tree Arts Center

Signup Deadline: Oct. 29
Cost: \$TBD

The Denver Concert Band presents its second concert of their formal season. This also ties in with the opening of the new Lone Tree Library and will feature music of arts and literature, as well as a prelude to the holidays.

Additional trips available. See the trips brochure at the Clubhouse Reception Desk.

Casino Trips

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Tuesday, Oct. 18, 8:30 am–3 pm
Cost: \$6

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Music by Terry Norona

Fee: HG resident, \$5

Non-resident and on the day of event, \$7

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Social Dance

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6:30–7:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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Written and directed by Matthew Brown, *The Man Who Knew Infinity* is the true story of friendship that forever changed mathematics. In 1913, Srinivasa Ramanujan (Dev Patel), a self-taught Indian mathematics genius, traveled to Trinity College, Cambridge, where over the course of five years, forged a bond with his mentor, the brilliant and eccentric professor, G.H. Hardy (Jeremy Irons), and fought against prejudice to reveal his mathematics genius to the world. The film also stars Devika Bhise, Stephen Fry and Toby Jones. This is Ramanujan's story as seen through Hardy's eyes.

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Saturday, Oct. 15, 6–9 pm, Sandberg Auditorium
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720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm	
www.denverartmuseum.org , 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy	
Denver Children's Museum	Tuesday, Oct. 4
303-433-7444, 4–8 pm, www.mychildsmuseum.org , 2121 Children's Museum Dr.	
Clyfford Still Museum	Friday, Oct. 7, 14, 21
720-354-4880	5–8 pm
www.clyffordstillmuseum.org	Friday, Oct. 28
1250 Bannock St, Denver	10 am–5 pm
Aurora History Museum	Thursday, Oct. 13
303-739-6660, 9 am–4 pm Tues–Fri	Wed, Oct. 19
www.auroragov.org , 11 am–4 pm Sat, Sun	
15051 E Alameda Parkway	Tuesday, Oct. 25
Denver Museum of Nature and Science	Monday, Oct. 24
303-322-7009, www.dmns.org	
2001 Colorado Blvd, 9 am–5 pm	
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium)	
Denver Botanic Gardens	Tuesday, Nov. 1
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Above: Krista and Dennis Loetscher, B215, were named King and Queen of the dance.
Below: Krista Loetscher and Kristine King, CP5, demonstrated their hula hoop expertise (or not).



Above: Jeannine Montgomerie, B214, flirts with Elvis (aka Shel McClaury, CP3)
Above right: Cindy Crockett, CP3, dances with partner



Photos by Jay Bluestein, B223



Right: Sheila Bluestein, B223, dances with Mike Connolly, B223



B217 Photo Update

Below: Wall between unit 601 and 603 shows no fire damage, although hidden soot was a problem.

Below center: Below ceiling soot, there were many items (e.g., TV coaxial cable) that had no fire damage.

Right and below right: Demolition of hallway and unit 601 in progress.



Photos by Rudy Morris, B217

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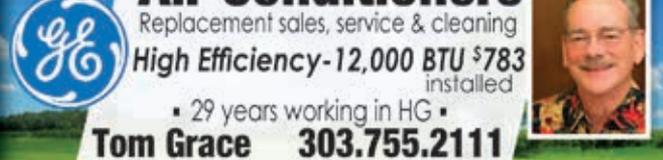
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Overheard @ HG

Tee shirts I have known and loved

by Mary Hafka

I've always had a fondness for tee shirts with pithy sayings. One of the truest I ever found was green, and read, "Yes, I am a senior. Now, give me my damn discount."

I used to date a guy who felt all the moments of his life could be summed up in song lyrics, mostly country songs. But for me, it's tee-shirt prose.

For years, I trolled thrift stores, garage sales and street fairs, looking for the perfect tee shirt. Perfectly hilarious was better yet.

I disguised my addiction by decorating the shirts with acrylic jewels, glitter and beads. I then sold the decorated shirts at the HG Flea Market, for \$15 bucks each. (By the second day, I lowered the price to 2 for \$15.) I made a surprising amount of money in a single weekend, doing this, but it was never about the money. The shirt was the thing. The money I earned just fueled my buying more shirts.

I stopped doing the shirt-decoration crafts, but still enjoy procuring a tee shirt with attitude. I find such shirts especially useful first thing in the morning, when I'm not fully awake, but must walk my dog, and therefore encounter the public. I let the shirts do the talking for me.

My predilection for one-liners also extends to accumulating smart-alecky coffee mugs, cocktail napkins, tea towels, note pads and those cheery fabric flags you can hang outside your house.

I've divided my tee-shirt/coffee mug/paper products collection into easy-to-understand categories, which can reflect my mood on any given day. After re-reading them, I'm starting to conclude that my mood is mostly bad on many given days.

We start with the "kvetching about one's job" grouping. Strangely, all these shirts appear to be black.

It would be in poor taste to actu-

ally wear one to work, so the following apparel is carefully selected to be worn only on a girl's day off:

"My boss told me to have a good day...so I went home."

"The work is hard, and the hours are long, but at least it doesn't pay very well."

"Hi. I don't care. Thanks."

(By the way, did you know you can buy "I hate my job" toilet paper? I swear, a person can find anything on the internet.)

From the "I am shirt wearer; hear me roar" collection, enjoy the following proclamations:

For voracious readers: "I am a Book Dragon, not a Worm."

In a nod to the full-figured gal: "Goddesses are not anorexic."

A package of sassy, lime-green cocktail napkins, found at a garage sale in Texas, reads: "Born free — now I'm expensive."

Then there are the *existential shirts*:

"I thought growing old would take longer."

"Sometimes, I question my sanity. Occasionally, it replies."

"I may be crazy, but at least I have each other."

"Today has been cancelled. Go back to bed."

In this, a presidential-election year, I'm always on the lookout for *paraphernalia bearing cynical-about-politics wisecracks and sneers*. I recently found one in a book I read (because I am a book dragon), about how the once-distinct line between politicians and lobbyists is rapidly blurring:

"I'm leaving politics to work on i\$\$ues I'm pa\$\$ionate about."

As a writer/editor, I've always enjoyed wisecracks featuring *puns and wordplay*:

"Dear Algebra: Stop asking us to find your x. She's not coming back."

"Anything unrelated to elephants

is irrelephant."

"People hate when sentences do not end the way they potato."

I suppose wearing sports apparel is just another version of proclaiming one's views on one's chest. Not being a great sports fan, I wasn't aware a person could open herself up to verbal assaults from perfect strangers, simply by wearing an old sweatshirt from her alma mater.

I found this to be the case, though, when an acquaintance I thought to be a gentleman, cheerfully unleashed a string of profanities directed at the CU Buffaloes hoodie I had on. It turned out, he was a CSU alum.

A co-worker in the Golf Pro Shop is a proud Red Sox fan. Any prospective golfer who wanders into the Pro Shop wearing a NY Yankees baseball cap is greeted with a stream of insults so severe, you'd think they'd never play golf at HG again.

But, no, these sports fans apparently get the joke. On their next golf outing, they'll show up in a Yankee cap and jacket, pulling a golf cart festooned with NY Yankees headcovers.

This same Red Sox fan also follows the New England Patriots. He has even more fun with the seemingly endless stream of golfers who walk through the door, wearing Broncos apparel.

A friend gave me a decorative fabric house flag, white lettering on burgundy, with a bunch of grapes underneath: "Wine a little. You'll feel better."

I'm hanging that flag over a corner of my back patio, where the wood is rotting a bit. I figure displaying the flag saved me \$2,400 in patio-renovation costs.

As the newest member of my household, a small Pug/Shar-Pei that I rescued from a shelter is being initiated into the family practice of walking about with sentiments emblazoned on clothing. For autumn, I got her a doggie sweater with the following spelled out in rhinestones: "My other dog is a Rottweiler."

She's received an even heavier sweater, for colder winter walks, proclaiming: "My other dog is a cat."



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