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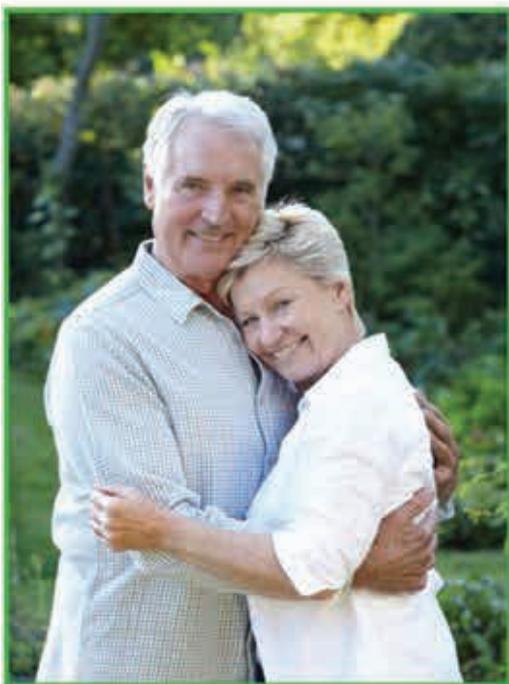
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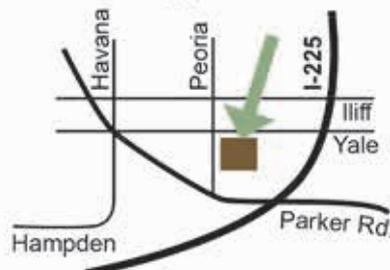
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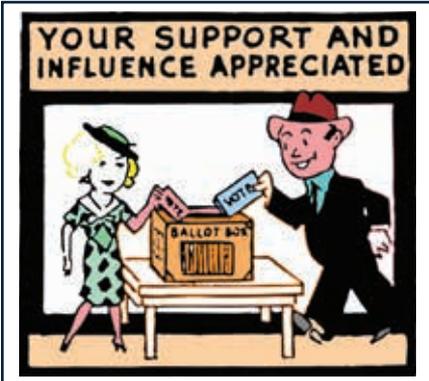
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Board to hold at 5 directors; will consider adding 2 at next meeting

All five members attended the Dec. 21 meeting of the HGMD Board of Directors. Attorney Jennifer Ivey also was present.

The board revisited the issue of increasing the board membership to seven directors, from its current five. Several residents from the audience spoke against the change, noting it would be a permanent one. Despite the board's current heavy workload, which was given as one justification for the increase, speakers pointed out that workload levels might fluctuate in the future.

One director, Gary Hizer, even indicated that he had originally opposed the move to seven directors.

Ivey noted that if the board tabled the motion for further study, it might be difficult to include the additional board seats by the May 2018 election. A change of this sort in HGMD has to go to the county and city for comment (45 days), then it is filed with the court, which orders the change. However, there is always the option of holding a special election.

General Manager Calvin White asked Ivey whether the board could use a "consultant," maybe a resident assigned to attend committees with which the board wants information (for example, the HGA Long Range Planning Committee). The consultant would not have a vote on that committee, but could report back to the HGMD Board about anything relevant to the board. This might ease the workload issues for current HGMD directors, who besides chairing one or two committees, might be assigned to attend 1-2 more.

Ivey promised to research if the board could appoint non-director representatives to sit on an HGA committee, then report back to the HGMD. She stated no Colorado law prohibited the action, but HGMD's bylaws might.

Four directors ultimately voted to table the issue, with President Craig Baldwin abstaining.

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The board held a "public meeting," and amended its 2017 budget, to increase Enterprise Fund expenditures by \$218,500. The expense would be funded from HGMD reserves. A breakdown of what items had to be increased were:

Audit costs	\$15,000 (additional)
Professional service (attorney)	\$40,000
Election expense (recall)	\$67,000
Capital outlay (cart path, indoor pool lights)	\$86,500
Insurance deductible (water)	\$10,000

Treasurer Bill Archambault reported that the subsidy paid by residents for the restaurant was less than half what was budgeted, through Nov. 30 (\$42,000, compared to \$85,200 budgeted). Food sales are running well ahead of projections.

The board approved changes to the procedure memoranda that support changes made to Foundation policies, contained in Procedure Memorandum F-1. These changes had been referred from the board's November meeting. Changes include that the Foundation will accept only cash donations. The lobby kiosk will be used only for listing donations to the Foundation. Although the proposed changes had been posted on the HG website, Foundation Chair Bonnie McMullen did not indicate that there had been any public comment on the revisions.

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The board approved a "first reading" of general rules for behavior on HGMD property and in its facilities, and on enforcement and appealing of any decisions related to the rules. These policies on visitors to HGMD properties (Clubhouse, Restaurant, Golf Course and others) would be applied consistently to residents, employees, guests and visitors. The policy is based on a similar set of "rules

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Optimists ring the bell for Salvation Army at King Soopers

On Dec. 8, the HG Breakfast Optimist Club provided club members who worked in two-hour shifts to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army throughout the day. The King Soopers grocery store at which they served was at East Hampden Avenue and Tower Road.



Bell ringers included (left and below): Kathy Dickson, Corby Kasten, Ronda and Paul Bollwahn, B218; Ron and Virginia Torpy, B242; Nan Page-Stevens and Jeanine Montgomerie, B214.

Photo by Anne Hummel-Gillis



Extra! Extra! Information for you –

HGMD approves budget at public meeting

The HGMD Board of Directors held its public hearing for the 2018 proposed budget on Dec. 7. The audience members proposed no changes to the budget, and it was approved.

Revenue components include:

Enterprise Fund	\$2,245,111
Conservation Trust (Lottery)	\$15,204
Debt Service Fund	\$488,179

The board certified the mill levy, to fund payment of HGMD's general-obligation bonds, at 12.555. This tax is to satisfy the balance of the 2018 budget needed to meet the debt-retirement expense, which is \$488,179. In November, the board refunded the

HGMD's general-obligation bonds, to achieve a lower rate of interest.

The interest saved, estimated at \$50–52,000 per year, resulted in the 2018 mill levy being reduced to 12.555, compared to 16.781 for 2017. In round numbers, the refunding saves each property owner an average of \$1.70 per month on property taxes.

HGMD has three cost centers in its operating budget: Clubhouse, Golf and Rendezvous Restaurant. Projections for 2018 were:

Clubhouse revenues	\$190,945
expenses	\$769,740
net subsidy	(\$578,795)

This subsidy is expected to in-

crease 2.21 percent over the 2017 budgeted subsidy.

Golf revenues	\$331,831
expenses	\$479,898
net subsidy	(\$148,067)

This subsidy is expected to increase 8.91 percent over the 2017 budgeted subsidy.

Restaurant revenues	\$604,403
cost of goods sold	\$221,817
expenses	\$451,792
net subsidy	(\$69,207)

This subsidy is expected to decrease 22.37 percent from the 2017 budgeted subsidy. In other words, the restaurant subsidy is getting smaller.

Senior citizens and disabled veterans

A property tax exemption is available to senior citizens, surviving spouses and disabled veterans. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of their primary residence is exempted. The state of Colorado pays the exempted

portion of the property tax.

Once approved, the exemption remains in effect for future years, and the applicant should not reapply. Note: The Colorado legislature may eliminate the fund for these exemptions in any year in which the budget

does not allow for the reimbursement.

Seniors. The exemption is available to applicants who:

a) are at least 65 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the year of application,

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Red Cross hand generator radio

In the September issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, the SEC Committee introduced the Eton FRX3 Red Cross Hand Generator Emergency Radio.

I have had mine for a couple months when I discovered a weakness. When turned "OFF," the radio is really in a "monitor" mode looking for a Weather Alert Tone to warn of an upcoming weather event. This monitor mode means the radio is not "fully off." It is drawing a small electric current that in a couple of weeks will run your batteries down! If that happens, you can use the hand crank generator, but I would rather have some battery capacity when the power goes out.

There is a built-in three-element light that can come in handy while lo-

cating your emergency lanterns and flashlights.

I've developed a work around. Remember, this radio has two sets of batteries. One is a 3-cell rechargeable pack similar to a cordless phone battery pack. This pack is charged by the hand-crank generator, a wall charger or the built-in solar panel.

I place the radio on my kitchen counter underneath an LED light bar that has bright



LEDs aimed at the counter top. I can start the charging process by

a) selecting the "Dyno" batteries and

b) holding the radio's solar panel (in the handle), up close to the LED lamp, then setting it down on the counter. The charging will continue as long as the LED light bar is turned on (usually all day when we are at home).

I remove the AAA batteries and keep a fresh set in a zip-lock sandwich bag near the radio so they are fresh when needed.

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

Manny says, "You should take a look!"



HGA names committee chairs for 2018 at last meeting in 2017

Six directors attended the Dec. 19 HGA Board of Directors meeting. Dave Archer, John Coil and Deb Stelle were absent.

Incoming 2018 directors attended, and joined the board at a special meeting after other agenda discussions, to appoint chairs for 2018 HGA standing committees. Committee chairs will be:

Architectural Control	Jill Bacon
Budget & Finance	John Coil
Civic Affairs	Forrest McClure
Communications	Bill Reynolds
Long Range Planning	Chuck Montgomerie
Roads & Grounds, CTC	Mel Rawles
SEC	Rex Engel
Structure Maintenance	Kathy Buhrman

Buhrman also chairs the ad hoc committee on golf course staffing; Montgomerie serves on the committee with two HGMD directors (Bill Archambault and Sandra Rosenberg).

Board training will occur in January. Buhrman, Engel, Bacon and Rawles noted they would attend the sessions.

President Kay Sawyer thanked Michael Lickteig for his service. The December meeting was his last on the board.

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Reporting to the 2017 board, Area Representative Organization (ARO) President Diane Dean apologized for her absence at earlier board meetings. She stated no one had told her the ARO president is given an opportunity, each month, to report ARO progress to the board. Future ARO activities, she said, will concentrate on goals that were identified from a survey of Area Representatives (ARs).

The ARO meetings in the past year had focussed on educating ARs, increasing their awareness 1) to recognize dementia in residents, 2) to recognize elder fraud including telephone and contract scams. The ARO has been working with the general manager, getting updates from him, and with the Green Team on recycling projects.

Buhrman reported that "shoring up" of Parking Structure 4 (PS4), has been completed.

"Displaced parkers were put into alternate spaces," she said. Some got assigned parking spaces on the roof of PS4. [GM Calvin White told the Budget & Finance Committee on Dec. 18, that he expected to get the engineer drawings on repairs for PS4 that day. Shoring was considered only temporary. He expected repairs to PS4 to begin in March or April 2018.]

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Montgomerie reported, "The city let us create some special parking on the street, in anticipation of repairs." Permitting for parking on the street is being allowed while work on the park-

ing structure is undertaken.

"We still are seeking information" regarding repairing the structure versus replacing it, Buhrman added. PS4 will "be okay for the winter," due to shoring-up repairs.

Because PS4, following its examination, "turned out to be so bad," HG is having the other three parking structures evaluated, she said. Many options are available to HG, including replacing all four parking structures with a single, multi-storied one.

Engel reported the Security/Emergency Preparedness Committee (SEC) is working on a couple policies: "smoking and lessons learned [with regard to the fire in B217]." He said the SEC also is examining how to protect the privacy of individuals affected by problems and crimes, while alerting residents about dangers within the community.

Engel alluded to a rumor that residents had been attacked by outsiders while walking their dogs. In fact, the "attack" did not occur on HG property, he said.

Communication Committee Chair Bill Reynolds reported that HG has a new website provider. As a consequence, the website is being redesigned, "to make it as user friendly as possible," said Reynolds. Putting the HG directory on the website is a goal.

Other items approved by the board:

...updates to the original procedure memorandum (PM) for the Long Range Planning Committee. Montgomerie, noting he is the third chair in the committee's relatively short existence, said the need for some revisions to the original PM had become clear.

...rescinded the A-2 portion of the PM for the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), combining it with the A-1 section, to clarify the violations process. The process progression is: someone reports an ACC violation; Security investigates the report; if not corrected, the violation might go to the general manager for penalty; and, if disputed, the matter will come to the board. By including this dispute section in A-1, residents get a copy of it when they undertake remodeling in their condo that requires ACC approval.

...two ACC projects, at owner expense, to install radon mitigation systems at a CP3 and a CP5 home.

Volunteer on Committees

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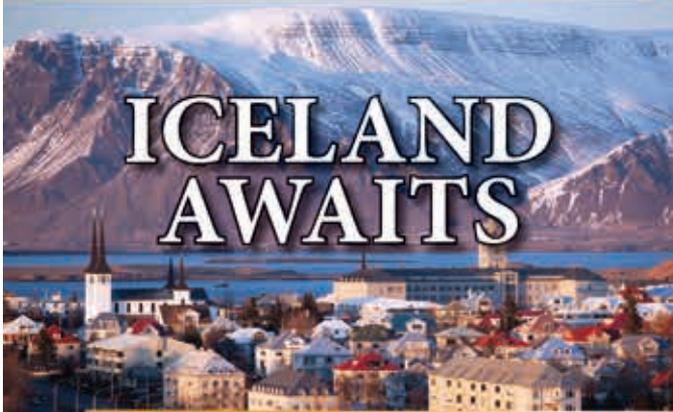
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of conduct for persons using the facilities" that the HGA Board approved about two years ago, Baldwin noted.

Baldwin said the wording of the two sets of rules would be distributed to the public via email blasts and placed on the www.heathergardens.org website.

Having been referred at this meeting, the board will take up the policy a second time, at the January meeting, after the public has had an opportunity to review and comment the rules, as written.

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Archambault reported that he and HGA Board Treasurer John Coil were discussing how to do a Capital Reserve study for HGMD properties. They are planning a study session in January for the HGMD Board to lay out the issues and how to proceed. Then in March, after some preliminary numbers are supplied to the program, the board could evaluate what is needed for HGMD Capi-

tal Reserve. Archambault suggested that the board would have to decide in May, "What do we want to do about it?"

GM White noted that HG has the nitty-gritty on items, but doesn't know how to finance the program — something the board would have to consider at length.

The board discussed whether changes to parking on E Linvale Pl. might include making such parking by permit, with permits issued only to HG residents. The question was referred to HGMD's new standing committee, Property Management, under the chairmanship of Archambault, for study.

Rosenberg reported that Arapahoe County had contacted HG about installing a permanent election box on the property, rather than relying on the temporary one that is put out before national and local elections (not HG board elections). At issue is where to put such a box?

Rosenberg and HG Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise will meet with the county representative to discuss options.

Milley's myths

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley has identified five myths about modern warfare the American public needs to reject. As *Military Times* reports, the myths include:

Wars will be short. "There are wars that have been short in the past, but they're pretty rare," Milley observes. "Wars have a logic of their own sometimes, and they move in directions that are highly unexpected."

You can win wars from afar.

Wars "are about imposing your political will, and they're about people. And I can tell you with a high degree of certainty that human beings can survive horrific things from afar...To impose your political will on the enemy typically requires you, at the end of the day, to close with and destroy that enemy up close with ground forces."

Special Forces can do it all. "I'm a proud Green Beret, I love Spe-

cial Forces," he said. "Special Forces are designated...with that name for a reason. They are special. They do certain special activities...The one thing they are not designed to do is win a war....They can do raids, they can train other countries...Winning a war by themselves is not one of their tasks."

Armies are easy to create. "There's a myth that you can just

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b) have owned their home for at least 10 years as of Jan. 1, and

c) have occupied it as their primary residence for at least 10 years as of Jan. 1.

Limited exceptions to the ownership and occupancy requirements are detailed in the qualifications section of the application. The senior citizen exemption is also available to surviving spouses of senior citizens who met the requirements on any Jan. 1 after 2001.

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Veterans. The exemption is available to applicants who:

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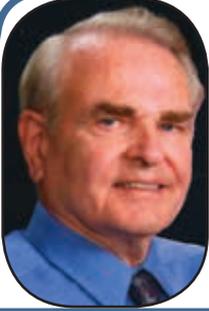
an applicant's eligibility.

The applicant must have owned and occupied the home as his or her primary residence since Jan. 1 of the year of application; however, limited exceptions to the ownership and occupancy requirements are detailed in the eligibility requirements section of the application.

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HGMD Board President Reports

By Craig Baldwin

Happy New Year!

Today I would like to share with you my thoughts on giving thanks, presents at Christmas time and Happy New Year all rolled into one.

I am thankful that HG as a community came together when actions by last year's HGMD Board of Directors seemed contrary for the good of this community. Residents can be thankful that a recall committee brought everyone together like I have never seen before — at least in the 12 years that Jean and I have resided in HG.

We can be thankful for the number of people who stepped forward as candidates to the HGMD Board. They wanted to be a part of the solution.

All residents and electors who have attended HGMD meetings since August can attest to the fact that four fine people — Gary Hizer, Bill Archambault, Bonnie McMullen and Sandra Rosenberg — are well qualified to lead HGMD.

Much has been expected of these people. Sometimes there are marathon meetings. During the past five months, they have been making important decisions that make the community better.

I believe the best gifts received were the policies adopted to improve communications between you and your board of directors. Transparency starts at the committee level. During the next several months, HGMD and HGA will share responsibilities on various committees. Each board has approved sharing the chairmanship of the Budget and Finance Committee.

After the new year, the two boards will be working on incorporating the same feature with other committees. This is a major shift in cooperation between the two boards.

Let's look ahead to the new year and what to expect. HGMD will undergo an extensive study of its Capital Reserves, headed by the two treasurers, John Coil (HGA) and Bill Archambault (HGMD). Believe it or not, HGMD will need to set aside funds for major projects.

We have approved forming a new standing committee to address issues

pertaining to district property, such as Linvale Place, the garden plots and the RV lot. Director Bill Archambault, who will chair this committee, will soon be choosing committee members. Once established, the committee will work on a mission statement and procedure memorandums. Please volunteer to join this committee.

We will be adopting regulations for HGMD facilities with regard to guest and employee conduct.

The HGMD's bylaws, policy manual and procedure memorandum information seem to be a bit redundant and cumbersome. These three documents overlap each other and may not match state laws. I am asking any resident interested in working to streamline these documents to volunteer to work with HGMD, reviewing and revising the documents.

Resident help is needed towards revising the management agreement with HGA. The current agreement is three years old. Because of recent changes in cooperation between the boards, it is time to revise it.

Likewise, the Golf Pro's contract expires in October 2018. HGA has an ad-hoc committee examining options for managing the Golf Course. Two HGMD directors are on that committee. Because the new contract will be with HGMD, not HGA as the current contract is written, it is timely to make changes.

A state law was changed this past year to allow special districts to increase their board sizes to seven members. At our December meeting, HGMD discussed taking that action. There are a number of reasons this route was considered. The board has had its work load increase with more committees to manage and some long-range-planning decisions to be made. HGMD Directors agreed that more participation from electors would be appropriate. In the end, the board decided to table the discussion, permitting it to be raised for further consideration at a future meeting.

Another consideration was the negative effect on the community when there were only two directors on the board. Adding two new directors will take place at next May's election. Five directors will be elected at that time.

Please contact me at craig.baldwin@heathergardens.org, or leave a message, 720-535-1917.

I wish each of you a splendid new year.

HGMD Financial Snapshot

as of Nov. 30, 2017

Enterprise Fund (operations)	
Actual Revenue	\$2,071,400
Budgeted Revenue	<u>\$2,016,900</u>
Net over Budget	\$54,500
Actual Expenditures	\$2,206,800
Budgeted Expenditures	<u>\$2,025,900</u>
Net over Budget	\$180,900
<i>(HGMD received slightly more than \$112,000 as an insurance settlement for excess water used on the Golf Course. This substantially reduced the amount of expenditures over budget reported in October.)</i>	
— HGMD Treasurer Bill Archambault	

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Publisher's Corner

#MeToo is driving a change in culture

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

Baby, It's Cold Outside

I really can't stay (she sings) •
 Baby it's cold outside (he sings)
 I've got to go away •
 Baby it's cold outside
 This evening has been •
 Been hoping that you'd drop in
 So very nice •
 I'll hold your hands, they're just
 like ice

My mother will start to worry •
 Beautiful, what's your hurry?
 Father will be pacing the floor •
 Listen to the fireplace roar
 So really I'd better scurry •
 Beautiful, please don't hurry
 Maybe just a half a drink more •
 Put some records on while I pour

The neighbors might think •
 Baby, it's bad out there
 Say, what's in this drink? •
 No cabs to be had out there
 I wish I knew how •
 Your eyes are like starlight now
 To break this spell •
 I'll take your hat, your hair looks
 swell

I ought to say no, no, no •
 Mind if I move in closer?
 At least I'm gonna say that I tried •
 What's the sense in hurting my
 pride?
 I really can't stay •
 Baby don't hold out
 Ah, but it's cold outside
 I've got to get home •
 Oh, baby, you'll freeze out there
 Say, lend me your coat [comb*] •
 It's up to your knees out there
 You've really been grand •
 Thrill when you touch my hand
 Why don't you see •
 How can you do this thing to me?
 There's bound to be talk tomorrow •
 Think of my life long sorrow
 At least there will be plenty implied •
 If you caught pneumonia and died
 I really can't stay •
 Get over that hold out
 Ah, but it's cold outside •
 Oh, baby, it's cold outside
 Oh, baby, it's cold outside

This holiday song, "Baby, It's Cold Outside" was written by Frank Loesser in 1944. He performed it with his wife, Lynn Garland, at a party they hosted, which made it less of a seduction but a repartee between loving partners. They performed it at many parties when guests were expected to bring a talent to share. He sold the rights to the song in 1948 to Metro Goldwin Mayer (MGM).

Originally recorded for the film *Neptune's Daughter* (1949), it has been recorded by many artists since its original release, including Ray Charles, Dolly Parton and Michael Bubl  with Idina Menzel*. You may remember it done as a song of seduction when sung by Dean Martin.

With the change in culture created by the #MeToo announcements, the song's lyrics have become an example of a possible sexual assault after incapacitating the woman with alcohol, which gives it a more sinister interpretation than when it was originally performed. In today's environment, it may no longer be considered acceptable banter between an unmarried man and woman.

I applaud the women who have come forward to identify incidents where they were harassed by a powerful man. Anita Hill. Just by mentioning her name, you recall the public confirmation hearing of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in 1991. It was classic: she disclosed in graphic detail his behavior while he denied it. After confirmation, Hill has had a laudable career, but not as stellar as Thomas' on the Supreme Court. Such a response to a woman's claims against a man drove many women to keep silent for many years. Apparently, no longer.

This year, many well-known men have fallen victim to delayed disclosures: Harvey Weinstein, Matt Lauer, Al Franken, Dustin Hoffman, Kevin Spacey, Garrison Keillor, James Levine, Charlie Rose, Bill Cosby, Roy Moore. So far, the claims by the women (some men) have been

proven valid when investigated. I hope that continues, because there have been historical incidents when a woman has claimed she was raped, but it was retaliation against a sexual partner. If women's claims are unsubstantiated, then the #MeToo movement could be hurt.

I also hope that there becomes a distinction between sexual predators who rape, expose themselves or grab a woman's genitals or breast without invitation from those who are simply flirting to see if they get a response. How do you separate flirting, joking or social repartee from sexual harassment? Maybe when the verbal comments become repetitious and insidiously directed at the woman in the group, creating a hostile work environment.

Women of my generation and older learned to leave the room, even quit that job to avoid the situation. We knew that to confront the harasser by telling a supervisor or the personnel department, we were most likely to be asked, "What's the matter, you can't take a joke?"

When I was in the U.S. Army, I called it "trolling." It felt like the men were investigating how far you, the woman, was willing to go physically or sexually. I also learned not to stay late at parties or get too drunk at social gatherings. Sometimes coming and leaving with another woman did the trick — as long as she wanted to leave as early as I did. Because women were 11 percent of those on active duty at the time, the disparity could be daunting at times.

All I have to do is to mention the Tailhook conference in Las Vegas in which Navy women were forced to walk a gauntlet in the hotel hallway — well, that was as bad as it got. Many of those women left the Navy long before they served 20 years, even if that had been their goal originally. The Navy did cancel the annual event and instituted some changes in policy.

At one point during my time in the army, an anonymous caller told my boyfriend that I had slept with many of the men, both officer and enlisted, in my unit, a research institute. It wasn't true, but that did create a moment of discomfort in my relationship to that man. I always suspected that the caller was one of the men I had

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Management

When to call Security

By Calvin White
General Manager

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- Lockouts
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- Open/Unattended doors.
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GM's Report

General Manager

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Reviewed payables and capital projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms.
- Attended classes and webinars for continuing education credits.
- Attended HGA/HGMD Work Session.
- Attended HGMD Public Budget Hearing.

Controller

- Met with Susan Lambert to restructure the capital budget worksheet.
- Reviewed current CD status' for both HGA and HGMD with investment banker.
- Conducted interviews for the Accounts Receivable (A/R) position — hired Matt Lobato for the position.
- Met with Seville president and treasurer to review an A/R issue about which we will be attending a mediation hearing in January.
- Met with representatives from USI to review the 2018 HGMD insurance renewals.
- Attended a trial hearing for B244 owner versus tenant lawsuit.

Maintenance

- Maintenance completed 787 work orders. Of those, 119 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections at B210,

B211, and B223.

- Completed gutter and downspout cleaning on all CP and TH units.
- Completed gutter cleaning on all 4-story buildings.
- Installed new boiler heat pumps in B222.
- Replaced a hot water stack isolation valve in 6th floor ceiling of B221.
- Replumbed B222: 12-stack laundry room drain in wall.
- Cleaned boiler burners in B222.
- Replaced boiler pressure relief valves in B206 and B209.
- Replaced boiler isolation valve for low water cut-off in B210.
- Replaced wiring to boiler pump in B208.
- Replaced one garage exhaust fan motor in B235.
- Installed anti-vibration pads under both water heaters in B236.
- Installed conduit under driveway and installed wiring to light at B243.
- Repaired broken sewer line and cleaned out in CP4.
- Jetted kitchen sewer lines in B233 garage.
- Blew out water lines to finish closing the Seville pool and spa.
- Installed new unit isolation valves in B244.

Custodial

- Completed 21 work orders.
- Completed 18 set-ups at Clubhouse.

Paint

- Completed 35 work orders.
- Worked on chair rail project in B203.
- Completed chair rail in B217.
- Repaired walls and repainted Inventory office.
- Completed two major repairs in B243.
- Repaired walls and repainted the Lodgepole Lounge (TV) in the Clubhouse.

Clubhouse

- Held four trips and eight events.
- Held staff meeting to review/refresh on HG website.
- Held book sale. Earned \$170 at 25¢ each (680 books). Proceeds to the Foundation.
- Held Expressive Drawing Class with new art teacher.
- Ordered furniture for Clubhouse.
- Assisted with Travel Show.
- Completed Deck the Halls that decorated Clubhouse for holidays, possibly 6–8 trees.
- Cleaned up Woodshop.
- Worked with Optimist Club for Salvation Army Giving Tree and Food Drive.

Contracts

- Monitored siding, roofing and chimney replacement at CP5 and CP6.
- Worked with engineer on PS4 shoring, drawings, and repairs.

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WW2 pilot remembered in Italy; surviving family present

"This is a war story. The story of a pilot, his plane, and the mission from which he did not return."

So begins a documentary completed last summer that tells the story of Anne Hummel-Gillis', CP1, uncle. It describes the crash that felled him, a village's compassionate preservation of his remains, and his later exhumation and identification.

Paul R. Joyce was someone's son, 22 years old — not a number. He was killed in action July 15, 1944, when his plane went down in a stream that feeds the Martigone River, close to a village the villagers still call Monte San Pietro, near Bologna, Italy.

The plane caught fire and exploded. It nose-dived with powerful force, digging its way into the stream bed.

The boys ran to the crash where they found pieces of propeller, part of the rudder, dog tags, and the pilot's hands.

They held their ground when armed Germans asked where the pilot was.

"Kaput," they said and left. They returned that night and searched for more remains until gasoline fumes drove them away. They could not see the plane itself.



Above: At the dedication of a memorial stone for Pilot Paul Joyce in Monte San Pietro, Italy, October 2017, Anne Hummel-Gillis (left), CP1, is joined by siblings (from left) Ernie Hummel, Sue Pedaline, P.J. Hummel, Kenny Hummel, Mike Hummel, and John Hummel.

Right center: The P-47 that crashed was outlined on a photograph of the ditch that was dug and from which the plane debris, pilot bones and clothing were recovered in 1993.

Right: Debris from the P-47 plane that Paul Joyce crashed in Italy, 1944, is now on display in an Italian museum.



Left: Army Air Force Pilot Paul Joyce, photographed in his dress uniform, WW2.



It's also a story of a community and teenaged boys who held the pilot's fatal story in their hearts, cherishing it according to their beliefs in family and faith.

Two boys watched as German anti-aircraft fire hit the tail of a Republic P-47 Thunderbolt piloted by 2nd Lieutenant Joyce. Paul was returning from his 19th mission, a bombing raid over Axis railroad lines in northern Italy.

The boys nestled the hands in a small wooden box they made, then brought it to the parish church for consecration and burial. They vowed to make a thorough search after the war, when the Germans were gone.

One year later, the wooden box of remains was exhumed and given into the custody of the US military — the townspeople did not know who they had buried. Paul

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Voter turnout is another indicator of citizens' confidence in the elections conducted by Arapahoe County. In the 2016 General Election, 74.05 percent of registered voters in Arapahoe County cast a ballot. That is significantly higher than the nationwide turnout of 65.44 percent, according to the 2016 Election Administration and Voting Survey recently released by the U.S. Election Commission.

"We are extremely proud that our citizens have recognized Arapahoe County's elections as exceptional quality, and put their confidence in the integrity of our system by participating at such a high rate as voters," said Clerk and Recorder Matt Crane. "At a time when elections administration is being questioned at a national level, we are proud of the inclusive and transparent process that we've built in our county, and these num-

bers show that our citizens are too."

Under Crane's leadership since 2013, the Clerk and Recorder's Office has taken many strides to enhance voter tools, communication and access to the ballot box. For example, the Elections Division has deployed 22 new 24-hour ballot boxes in four years, bringing the total to 24 across the county. Voters value this convenience; two out of three return their mail ballot to a ballot box, instead of via mail.

For added transparency, voters can now track their ballot envelope using BallotTrack, a service launched in 2014. More than 30,000 voters have subscribed to receive free text, email and phone calls when their ballot is mailed to them, picked up by the Postal Service and received by the County for counting.

Also in 2016, the Clerk's Office launched a geolocation tool to find the nearest ballot box or Voter Service and Polling Center, as well as see wait times. It is online at www.arapahoevotes.com/Find-My-Near-est.

Arapahoe County also invested in hosting 25 Voter Service and Polling Centers in the 2014 and 2016 general elections, even more than the statutory minimum of 23 for our county.

Last year, the Elections Division replaced its aging voting equipment

with the State's new uniform voting system, which includes innovative software and hardware for processing ballots and voting. Voters now fill in a circle on their mail ballot, or use a tablet to mark their choices, which is a clearer way to vote. Every ballot is cast on paper, ensuring that there is always an audit trail.

To that end, Arapahoe County has played a lead role in developing more robust post-election audits in Colorado. The Clerk's Office piloted the risk-limiting audit, which is now the standard for all counties.

Crane also has expanded partnerships with political parties and voting rights organizations. Tours of the Elections Facility are available to interested stakeholders, community groups and scouting troops. On Election Day, Crane travels to voting locations with representatives of both the Arapahoe County Democratic and Republican Parties to ensure strong collaboration and transparency.

Coming in late September, the County will unveil a redesigned and mobile-responsive Elections website. Find election information and update your voter registration at www.arapahoevotes.com.

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The Month (December)

Election results for the City of Aurora are in. Most results in which HG residents voted were known the day after the Nov. 7 election. In the At-Large race for City Council, Allison Hiltz led with the most votes, securing one of two seats vacated by retiring Council Member Barbara Cleland and term-limited Council Member Brad Pierce. Dave Gruber led by a slim margin for the second seat, followed by Tom Tobiassen. After a recount, initiated when the difference between vote totals were less than half of one percent, Gruber was named the second At-Large Council member. Voters approved a ballot question to increase the salaries of council members to \$18,500 per year; mayor to \$80,000 per year; and mayor pro-tem to \$20,550.

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Signs appeared along Yale Avenue and all public streets surrounding the apartments being built across Yale from HG. The new development



is called Parq at Iliff Station. The sign above was mounted on the fence around the swimming pool that surprisingly has outdoor furniture distributed. [Who needs tables with umbrellas when it is winter?] More photos, page. 51.

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In the November issue of *Heather 'n Yon*, the story on the budget for HGMD mistakenly stated that there would be a 2 percent increase in golf fees for 2018. It was not clearly stated that HGMD expects an increase in revenue of 2.67 percent in 2018 due to more golfers playing and paying to play. Golf fees to play each round were not increased from those at the end of 2017.

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The community group, Protect Our Property Values (POPV), distributed an email on Dec. 14, entitled, "Our Final General Email." The email stated that the ad hoc committee was disbanding, and would no longer exist after Dec. 20.

The group originally formed to support recalling a director on the HGMD Board of Directors. On Aug. 9, an election to recall Vincent Velasquez, and to seat Gary Hizer in his stead, was successful.

The email concluded by saying that all necessary paperwork would be filed with the IRS and the Secretary of State's office. The bank account at Key Bank was closed.

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The Ad Hoc Committee to examine golf shop staffing met Dec. 5. The manager of the city of Aurora's Golf Division, Doug McNeil, answered general questions from the committee, while he explained how city golf courses

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That Was...

are structured, in terms of staffing. McNeil remarked that each Aurora city course has a pro and a grounds superintendent, and — at some courses — an alternate golf pro.

Committee Chair Kathy Buhrman noted that HG is examining whether it wishes to continue with a pro shop helmed by a golf pro, or whether a golf-course manager would work better.

After closing Fitzsimons, Aurora operates five 18-hole golf courses. McNeil reported that city courses turn a profit, but added that his figures of approximate \$300,000 per year do not include debt payments on city courses, nor does the figure include capital reserves. Aurora city courses use two software packages to run their pro shops: one for booking tee times, and a different program for point of sale.

City golf pros are city employees, McNeil noted. They are paid benefits in addition to a salary of \$65,000-\$75,000 per year. The pros can earn extra money outside of their 40-hours-per-week jobs by giving lessons.

McNeil added that the city prefers using golf pros to managers because, "a PGA pro is invested in this industry, having a lot of experience, and enthusiasm to grow the game. A manager is just there to do the job, and take care of customers, but is not as forward thinking."

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At the Dec. 19 HGA Board Meeting, a resident's son, John Ingraham, spoke for his mother (Sophie Ingraham, B213). He asked for relief on HG's policy that no parking spaces can be sold, except as part of a condo sale. Such sale can only be to another resident or future resident. Ingraham is a widow, whose husband owned three parking garages atop a parking structure, in addition to the parking space under her building. She wishes to dispose of the parking garages, but is prohibited by the Declaration of Condominium, revised in 2015, from selling them separately.

Under the old declaration, parking spaces could be sold separately from selling a unit, often to individuals who were not residents of HG. People wishing to garage a classic car, for example, could buy extra garages.

The practice resulted in people who were not paying HOA fees having their parking garages maintained by HG. HG also had parking garages owned by unknown

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In December, the HG Clubhouse was filled with music and festive parties



HG residents, brave enough to wear their "unique" or unusual holiday sweaters in public, competed for prizes in several categories and were entertained by Senior88 Chorus. Sweaters were evaluated in the following categories: Craftiest, Most Vintage, Most Festive, Most Outlandish and Best of Show.



Left: Winners in the sweater competition got prizes from a representative of Cherry Creek Retirement Company, a sponsor of the event.

Holiday Potluck featured Bingo after noshing

With the Clubhouse providing the turkey, residents brought the side dishes and desserts to provide a sumptuous meal for all participants. Then they enjoyed a few rounds of Bingo with holiday prizes.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

NoteAbles, HG mixed chorus, presented its Holiday Concert on Dec. 12

Directed by Oralene Winchell, these HG singers presented the season's best songs for all to enjoy.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis

Donaldson...from page 14

rejected. (In other words, a woman could not win. If you had consensual sexual relations, the woman was a slut. If you didn't, you were a tease, or worse, a "b_____".)

I did meet my husband while I was serving on active duty at Ft. Meade, Maryland, but we did not start dating until after I left the service. And yes, we lived together before getting married. Those who know him know that he probably teased me relentlessly, but it was never sexual harassment.

I have always said, "He made me laugh." He still does, even though I often know what comment is coming.

When the #MeToo declarations gained momentum, I could not help remembering that one of the indignities I tolerated began in grade school. Remember when you entered pre-puberty and you started noticing the differences between boys and girls in your class? Remember the difference in expectations for your performance in class?

I remember being somewhat shy about the growth of my breasts when I started wearing a bra. It was a favorite prank at the time for the boys in my class to catch a girl's bra where it was fastened in the back, then snap it. Was this an early act of sexual harassment? I hope the practice has been discouraged in today's classrooms. When I mentioned this to a

retired teacher, he described how it was once done by a student to a teacher. I hope that boy was expelled for disrespecting a female teacher. It is not a joke!

While I sometimes wonder how my career might have been different if I had not left situations that got too uncomfortable for the "jokes" I endured, I am not unhappy with the events of my life. I have a supportive husband with whom I am navigating a 30th year of marriage. He once called and complained to a supervisor at a car dealership after we were both unsuccessful at getting the salesman to discuss the merits of a new car with me. (The car was to be mine to drive.) The salesman kept turning his attention to husband Bob. The supervisor apologized, then offered an attractive discount if I would return to the dealership. (This was not sexual harassment, but an example of men discounting women as the decision-maker. I still encounter that from time to time, as do other women of my generation. I hope it is less common for millennial women.)

Back to the song, "Baby, It's Cold Outside," I suspect a changing culture about interactions between men and women will make the song a reminder of what was common practice once — now just a historical footnote. In recent versions, the lyrics have been changed*. For young men and women, maybe verbal discourse will

accentuate their equality. After all, it is this younger generation that promotes "friends with benefits." (Sexual relations between friends, no long-term commitment needed.)

Maybe, powerful men will think twice before they try to entrap a woman (or man) into a sexual encounter she (he) does not want, because such behavior has bad consequences. Several men have lost their jobs, or a lucrative career. Their prominence and ability to influence opinions has been diminished.

Finally, I hope there will be a way to separate the artist whom we admire for their craft from their bad behavior. Humans are not perfect. Many have feet of clay, and have made mistakes in their lives. A prime example is Woody Allen. Few admire him for marrying Mia Farrow's adopted daughter after an affair with her in the late 1980s. (They married in 1997.) Farrow was Allen's significant other for 12 years before this astonishing development in their relationship. He still makes interesting, and to some reviewers, good movies.

I have admired the artistic work of Garrison Keillor, Charlie Rose, Dustin Hoffman, Kevin Spacey, Al Franken and James Levine. Yet, I deplore their personal behavior. I'm not sure when, or how, they might accomplish a redemption of some character that separates the good they have produced from the bad acts.

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individuals.

General Manager Calvin White explained he had exhaustively discussed the matter with HG's attorney. The current Declaration cannot be circumvented, nor changed without a vote of homeowners.

White added that HG would love to buy, or rent, some parking garages for association use, because the community is short on storage. Unfortunately, HGA cannot, because technically it is not a resident of HG.

White advised the Ingrahams to rent their garages, until they can be sold as part of the unit sale. The family argued that not everyone who might buy their unit, someday, would want to purchase three extra garages, nor are the Ingrahams interested

in handling rentals.

When the family representative asked what would prevent his selling a garage, through use of a quit claim deed, White admitted that HG wouldn't necessarily know if that happened.

"I can't advise you to do something that's against the rules. We'll continue to talk with our attorney, and try and find a path."

Director Kathy Buhrman asked, "Could we do a simple amendment to the existing Declaration?"

White responded that to try to change a single item in the Declaration was possible, but still would require a vote of the homeowners. The cost of the mailing alone, he suggested, would be \$10,000.

White agreed to explore options once again with HGA's attorney.

Chair Bill Reynolds told the Communications Committee on Dec. 5 that 29 units at HG had been sold in November. There were 22 listed for sale, one listed for lease. Sales took 14 days (median) to sell. Realtor Nancy Henson added that there were 10 condos under contract.

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Kudos to Roads and Grounds and all those involved in fixing the parking lot at the Clubhouse. The "tank trap" storm drain at the west end has been relocated; the pavement re-graded. The "killer curb" on the east end that drivers always ran over when turning right after entering the parking lot has been revamped. It no longer tries to eat your right rear tire! Thanks for a job well done.

— Rudy Morris, B217

Homeowners Insurance for Condo Owners:

Important Notice To All HGA Residents: In the aftermath of the fire in B217, all residents are strongly encouraged to check with their insurance brokers or carriers, which may be providing any type(s) of insurance coverage(s) for your respective units. You should ensure that your unit is adequately covered for any personal, property or casualty losses that might happen as a result of events within other units in your building, and which may not otherwise be covered by the insurance policies carried by HGA. Certain riders to standard policies can frequently be obtained at a reasonable cost. They can greatly enhance your typical policy coverage levels.

If in doubt, have your broker call General Manager Calvin White for information, 303-755-0652.

– Chair **Bill Reynolds**, Communications Committee

Pilot...from page 17

Joyce was eventually interred in Arlington Cemetery in 1948, alongside his brother Joseph, a gunner killed in action in Luzon, Philippines, in January 1945.

The Italians still were not told about the pilot.

“The story, which seemed buried under the dust of decades and the clods of Earth, has a new and unexpected beginning.”

Yet 49 years later, in 1993, the boys, now retired men, returned to search the crash site, bringing along a local war historian to tell the pilot's story.

Clay soil and tangled vegetation covered the dried-up stream bed. The men brought heavy excavation equipment to begin digging. They made several attempts before unearthing the shattered plane nearly 20 feet beneath the surface.

Because the plane had been completely engulfed upon impact by motor oil, an air-tight seal was created when covered with soil. The metal was shiny. Rubber tires were still black and malleable. Unexpectedly, the motor was in one piece.

Shreds of a combat jacket, a combat boot, and human bones were among the debris. The church held a well attended mass for their unknown pilot. The townspeople held in their hearts that these remains had been a young man whose brief story had abruptly ended. His death had lingered in their memories and thoughts along with their own stories of war times.

Teams of people undertook the long, exacting process of identifying the pilot. They wanted the family of the pilot to know how and where

he had died — that he was cared for. Shear persistence and information from unexpected sources led investigators to the P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots Association in 1994. The association's historian coincidentally had flown in formation with Paul. He remembered seeing Paul's plane explode near Monte San Pietro after a bombing run to Bologna.

The next step was to locate, half a century after the incident, family members for a DNA identification. In 1999 Paul's sister, Lois Joyce Hummel (Anne's mother), provided the matching DNA. The additional remains found in Italy were placed in Paul's grave at Arlington. The family thought the story ended here.

This persistent research by several Italians culminated in an extraordinary event this past October in Italy for Anne and her family with the people who had cared for the remains of the U.S. Army Air Force pilot. During this event, Anne and her siblings saw the compassion and sacred rites with which the Italian villagers had treated her uncle's remains despite the terrible toll that Allied bombing had on their country.

An amateur documentary filmmaker from Bologna, Italy, had closely followed the events starting with the excavation. Last year he contacted Anne's family for photos depicting Paul as a son, school boy, a personality, a boy with hopes and dreams,

Right: During the memorial Celebration of Life Services for Pilot Paul Joyce, a vintage plane did a flyover.

fears and passions. The documentary, Mission n.AO #54, premiered Oct. 7. The villagers in Italy held a memorial service — a festival of life that venerated family and humanity. They dedicated a monument to Paul at the crash site.

Anne and husband Jim Gillis, together with six of her siblings and their spouses, flew to Monte San Pietro in October for the Celebration of Life Services that was attended by military personnel, church officials, mayors, researchers, historians, filmmakers and citizens. Vintage planes flew overhead in tribute. Officials spoke. In solemn ceremony Anne's siblings laid their grandmother's — Paul's mother's — gloves and linen handkerchief atop the monument. Paul's life had come full circle.

“The thing that was most impressive to me was the fact that this small community adopted this unknown American soldier and took such care and concern of him. It was humbling, very humbling. They had no idea who he was,” said Anne.

“Local stories have the same value as great stories. The memory must be retained, even nurtured,” said Stefano Rizzoli, mayor of Monte San Pietro.

– Dala Giffin





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This is in spite of our spending more per capita on health care than any other nation. Unequal access to health care is a major contributor. That unequal access is tied directly to economic inequality.

If you believe issues like this deserve our attention, please join us for the Indivisible meeting, 3:30 pm in the Aspen Room on the second Tuesday of each month. During the Jan. 9 meeting, we will discuss this and other impacts of inequality on our nation.

– Al Lindeman
CP5

Milley...from page 10

bring kids into the military, march them around a field a little bit, six to eight weeks of training and — boom — you've got an army...Wrong answer. It takes a considerable amount

of time to build armies, navies, air forces and marine corps, especially in today's environment with complex weapons systems."

Armies fight wars. "Armies don't fight wars. Navies, air forces — they don't fight wars. Nations fight

wars....It takes the full commitment of the entire nation to fight wars."

– Comments of Gen. Mark Milley, Army Chief of Staff, reprinted from December 2017 issue of *The American Legion Magazine*. Originally appeared in *Military Times*.

GM Report...from page 15

- Worked with engineer on evaluating PS1, PS2, and PS3.
- Worked with C3 Group on roofing repairs/replacement for B242, B243, B244.
- Worked with contractor for B216 Warranty Roof Repairs.
- Worked with engineer on roof repairs for unit in NTH.
- Worked with contractor on screen replacement in B217.
- Worked with contractor on B217 carpet.
- Worked with contractor replacing Seville footbridge.
- Worked with contractor on replacing fascia on multi-story buildings.
- Writing Scope of Work for repairs to Seville Recreation pool.
- Worked with Maintenance Connection on new work order software.
- Reviewed bids received for elevator preventive maintenance contract.

Roads and Grounds

- Leaf removal is ongoing.
- Winterized sprinkler system.
- Completed annual concrete and asphalt repairs.
- Completed crack filling of all asphalt surfaces.

- Completed re-location of storm drain at Clubhouse.
- Installed holiday lighting.
- Winterized summer equipment and moved to storage.
- Prepped winter equipment.
- Worked on justifications for 2018 capital expenditures.
- Removed seven dead Cottonwood trees and heavily pruned two others.
- Cleaned up tree stumps that were ground in October.

Golf

- Continued mowing and golf course preparation with good weather.
- Ground tree stumps, pruned trees and removed dead trees.
- Fall leaves and debris swept clean on golf course.
- Repaired Goosinator. It was used effectively.
- Purchased additional recycle bins. Constructed stands.
- Applied snow mold fungicide to greens.
- Installed winter cups in greens.
- Winterized irrigation system. Drained and winterized water-fall.

- Removed and cleaned lake fountains then stored for winter.
- Installed new air tubes and air diffusers in small pond and south lake.
- Serviced and washed golf car fleet.

Restaurant

- Held two wedding receptions, two 80th birthday parties, two memorials
- Held the Board and Committee Luncheon and Thanksgiving Buffet (best sales day since opening)
- Decorated restaurant and banquet room for holidays

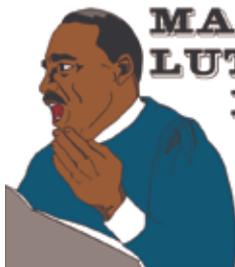
Security

- Total of 412 reports written and 5,176 miles patrolled.
- ACC PM A-1, Security Department SOPs and Parking Regulations were updated.
- Held monthly "Safety Meeting." Topic of discussion: "Winter Driving and tips on how to safely operate a vehicle during inclement weather"

Employee of the Month: Cherelle Jacobs, Contracts Department

Monday, Jan. 15 Federal Holiday

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Letters

Heather 'n Yon

I am taking this way to say “thank you” to three very wonderful people. On Nov. 16, while walking along South Heather Gardens Way, I fell and broke my arm. You were kind enough to stop and aid me, calling 911. I remember you gave me your names at the time, but the stress and pain apparently worked to erase them from my memory.

I want you to know how very much I appreciate your staying with me until the ambulance came. I sincerely hope this message reaches you and I would love to hear from you so that I can express my appreciation in person.

**Twyla Gaugenmaier
B204**

Heather 'n Yon

I'd like to compliment one of HG's employees — Holly from Maintenance. Several weeks ago I was struggling to get my recycling into the bin. One man walked past and just ignored me.

Holly came into the garage area and said “no, no, let me help you.” She then dumped all my boxes, newspapers and the other items for me. Holly also does a GREAT job of cleaning in the building. She is really a hard worker!

**Kathy Rodwell
B224**

Heather 'n Yon

Hi Gang,

I'm having my human mom write this for me, because I'm all paws! Paws don't work so well on a keyboard.

I really like living in this beautiful place called HG, and I like it nice

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.

and clean. Aren't those doggy waste stations great? They have empty bags in case your person forgets to grab one on the way out to enjoy the beauty here. They also have those conveniently placed waste baskets so your person can throw away what you leave behind you.

Lately I've been noticing that several dogs have left something behind, and your person doesn't pick it up and put it in the waste can! Can you believe it? Someone lets their dog leave it behind as you walk — all over the sidewalk. Now, you know that if your person steps in it, they can go ballistic!

So here's my idea. When you poop, watch your person to make sure they pick it up in one of those convenient bags to dispose in that waste can. If they act like they have forgotten, you need to remind them.

My suggestion is that you stand your ground, refusing to move, until they come pick it up. I'm a really small dog (11 pounds), but if I'm standing my ground, my mom has a heck of a time moving me, and she's (well, she's much larger)! If that doesn't work, you might need to bark at your person. Try to show them what they are forgetting.

I think poking them in the leg with your nose repeatedly might also work. I'm sure you can come up with an idea that works for your person. In case one of our persons doesn't pick up after a furry friend, and you see it happening — you might need to follow that person home. Once you know where they live, call security. I'd hate for it to go that far. So be diligent to stop your forgetful person.

Anyway, gang, let's help our people to keep HG clean, sanitary, smelling fresh and making it the great place it's known to be!

**Ruff Ruff, Matea
Kathy Juergens assisted
B242**

Heather 'n Yon

Employee of the month: the coyote that's been hanging around HG. After a year, he has reduced the rabbit and squirrel populations. I hope this qualifies his tenure. As he runs out of game, maybe he'll attack the geese and run them off! Just a thought!

**David Bushman
B209**

Heather 'n Yon

I just heard from Sandra Dallas who has agreed to be P.E.O.'s visiting author on Sunday, Feb. 25. Dallas is a *New York Times* best-selling author of 15 adult novels, two young reader novels, and 10 nonfiction books. She was dubbed “a quintessential American voice” by Jane Smiley, in *Vogue Magazine*. Dallas' novels, with their themes of loyalty, friendship, and human dignity, have been translated into a dozen foreign languages and optioned for films. Among her books:

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Blue Sky
Fallen Women
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Whiter Than Snow
Prayers for Sale
Tallgrass
New Mercies
The Chili Queen
Alice's Tulips
The Diary of Mattie Spenser
The Persian Pickle Club
Buster Midnight's Cafe

Non Fiction

The Quilt That Walked to Golden Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps

Our PEO Chapter FV is really excited and honored to have her as a guest author. **Save the date:** 2 pm Sunday, Feb. 25, in the Clubhouse. Contact: Eileen Headrick 303-745-9611

**Eileen Headrick
CP1**

Heather 'n Yon

On Nov. 12, around 9 pm, my husband and I were walking our dogs on Linvale Place when we were stopped by a HG security guard in his patrol car. He told us that a “HG resident had been assaulted down the street by two black men in ski masks just a few minutes ago.”

On Thursday, Nov. 16, I went to the Management Office to inquire about the incident. I was referred to Security. At the Security Office, I found HG's General Manager Calvin White talking with the officer on duty. When they finished their conversation, I asked about the incident. I was
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JANUARY CALENDAR

Mon 1	<i>New Year's Day Holiday – Management Office and Clubhouse Closed</i>		
Tue 2	Bridge (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Hand and Foot (every Tuesday)	Mountainview Room	12:30–4 pm
	Mah Jongg (every Tuesday)	Blue Spruce Room	1–4 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	B215 Happy Hour	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
	Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday)	Billiards Room	6:30 pm
	NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
Wed 3	<i>Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White</i>		
	ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday)	Clubhouse Lobby	8–9:30 am
	Pinochle (every Wednesday)	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1–4:30 pm
	Men's Poker (every Wednesday)	Mountainview Room	1:30–4 pm
	CP1 Happy Hour	Skyview Room	4–9:15 pm
	Square Dancing Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	5 pm
		Sandberg Auditorium	7:30–9:30 pm
Thu 4	HG Breakfast Optimist Club	Rendezvous Restaurant	7:45 am
	TOPS (every Thursday)	Blue Spruce Room	8:30–9:30 am
	<i>Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights</i>	Blue Spruce Room	10 am
	HG Writers Club (every Thursday)	Mountainview Room	1–4 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
	Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	6 pm
	American Legion Post 2012	Mountainview Room	7 pm
	Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Billiards Room	7–9:30 pm
Fri 5	Men with Purpose Coffee	Skyview Room	10 am
	HG Indivisible Group (every Friday)	Rendezvous Restaurant	12:15 pm
	500 Club (every Friday)	Blue Spruce Room	12:30–4 pm
	<i>Clubhouse Matinee: Dunkirk</i>	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm
	Men's Poker (every Friday)	Skyview Room	4–9:15 pm
	<i>Clubhouse Movie: Dunkirk</i>	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30 pm
Sat 6	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday)	Arts & Crafts Room	noon–4:30 pm
	Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday)	Game Room	2–5 pm
	<i>Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance</i>	Sandberg Auditorium	6:30–9:30 pm

Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Jan 1	Bayer Ear Clinic (every Monday) Arts & Craft Room, 9 am–noon (See ad page 16)
Tue, Jan 9	Lunch/Window Seminar, RSVP, Renewal by Andersen, Rendezvous, 11 am (See ad page 52)
Sat, Jan 13	Fall Prevention, RSVP Harvard Square, 1:30–2:30 pm (See ad page 28)
Thu, Jan 18	Discovery Luncheon, RSVP St. Andrew's Village, 11 am–1 pm (See ad page 8)
Wed, Jan 24	Breakfast/Walk-In Tub Seminar, RSVP, Bentley Bath, HG Clubhouse, 10 am (See ad page 13)

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Sun 7	Frolics Club Auditions	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Mon 8	Mah Jongg (every Monday) Men's Bridge (every Monday) Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday) Men's Texas Hold 'em (every Monday) Pinochle - Open (every Monday)	Blue Spruce Room Skyview Room Game Room Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room	12:30-4 pm 1-4 pm 2-5 pm 5-9 pm 6:30-9:30 pm
Tue 9	Clubhouse Event: Chair Massage VNA Clinic Parkinson's Support Group HG Indivisible Group B203 and B204 Social Drinks/Dinner	Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	9-11 am 1-5 pm 1-3:30 pm 3:30 pm 5 pm
Wed 10	Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: Saudi Arabia	Sandberg Auditorium	2 pm
Thu 11	Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights Sevillians Lunch Clubhouse Event - Bingo Green Team <i>ARO Quarterly Meeting</i>	Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 12:15 pm 3-5 pm noon 7 pm
Fri 12	Clubhouse Event: The Gilded Age Karaoke Club	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1 pm 6 pm
Sat 13	50 and Who's Counting	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	5:30 pm
Mon 15	VNA Clinic Photography Club	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	1-3:30 pm 3-5 pm
Tue 16	Genealogy Swap Shop Clubhouse Event: Spellbinders Storytellers B205 and B206 Happy Hour Capitol Update with Colorado Legislators	Skyview Room Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	9-11 am 1-3 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm
Wed 17	Colorado Symphony Guild (Hilltop SE Chapter) CP3 Social Square Dancing Club Aviation Club	Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium Aspen Room	11:30 am 5:30 pm 7:30-9:30 pm 7 pm
Thu 18	HG Breakfast Optimist Club Clubhouse Event: Creative Card Making Bunko Residents' Open Forum	Rendezvous Restaurant Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant	7:45 am 1 pm 1-3:30 pm 3 pm
Fri 19	Mobile Post Office Men with Purpose Coffee Clubhouse Matinee: Victoria and Abdul Clubhouse Movie Night: Victoria and Abdul	Circle Driveway Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Sandberg Auditorium	11:40 am-noon 10 am 1 pm 6:30 pm
Sat 20	Wine and Cheese Social Club	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	3-5 pm
Mon 22	Low Vision Support Group	Mountainview Room	1:30 pm
Tue 23	HG Republican Club HG Democrat Club	Aspen Room Rendezvous Restaurant	1:30 pm 4:30 pm

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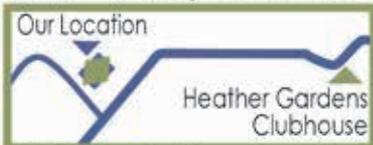
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JANUARY CALENDAR, Cont.

Wed 24	Resident Orientation Clubhouse Event: Oxford Lecture Series	Board Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 2 pm
Fri 26	Clubhouse Event - Lenny Kaye Jazz Clubhouse Event - Texas Hold 'em	Sandberg Auditorium Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	1 pm 6:30 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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

FYI

Colorado Legislature Town Hall Meetings

Once a month, the legislators who represent HG, Senator Nancy Todd, Senator Daniel Kagan and Representative Jovan Melton, come to HG for a town hall meeting. With the Colorado Legislature back in session until May, these meetings are your opportunity to find out what is happening to laws being considered. It is also your chance to share your opinions on various topics. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Dec. 26–Jan. 8, 303-739-7177

Olympic Park, 15501 E. Yale Ave.; Del Mark Park, 12000 E. Sixth Ave. (at Peoria St. in west parking lot; and Saddle Rock Golf Course, 21705 E. Arapahoe Rd.

Drop off your tree for recycling at these locations. Please remove all nails, decorations and stands from tree. Free tree mulch

Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 1/17

• Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

- ad hoc Golf Staffing – 9 am Tue, Jan. 2
- Communications – 10 am Tue, Jan. 2
- Long Range Plan – 10 am Wed, Jan. 3
- Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Jan. 4
- Campus Technology – 10 am Tue, Jan. 9
- Golf – 1 pm Tue, Jan. 9
- Foundation – 1 pm Wed, Jan. 10
- Clubhouse/Rest – 1 pm Thu, Jan. 11
- Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Jan. 15
- HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Jan. 16**
- SEC – 1 pm Wed, Jan. 17
- ACC – 10 am Thu, Jan. 18
- HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Jan. 18**
- Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Jan. 18
(Rendezvous)
- Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Jan. 30
- Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Jan. 30

will be available at the tree drop-off locations while supplies last. Bring a truck, bags, containers and shovels for self-loading.

Citizens Police Academy

Would you like to learn about the Aurora Police Department, its functions and operation? At the Citizens' Police Academies (CPA), with evening or daytime sessions, you will meet and learn from APD officers in an interactive classroom setting. The next evening CPA will begin on Feb. 13 for 15 consecutive Tuesdays, 5:30–9 pm. Classes will be held in the Aurora Room, the Aurora Municipal Center.

The next daytime CPA will begin on March 5 for 11 consecutive Mondays, 1–3 pm. The
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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, Jan. 9, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Barbara McShane, VNA 303-698-6496.

Monday, Jan. 15, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Blanche McKinney, 303-751-6444

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

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told by White that the person that does the email blasts wasn't there on Sunday nights. There was no further comment from White regarding notifying residents. We had previously received an email blast about the gangs breaking into and stealing cars again in HG, as well as Dam East and Dam West.

Since then, I have made further inquiries and been told that realtors don't like the negative news broadcast as it makes it harder for them to sell in HG.

Residents' personal safety and vehicle security must be more important than profits from real estate sales. Continued assaults would not only damage real estate sales but also residents' property values.

But the real issue is our safety: residents have the right to know what is going on in HG in order to be vigilant and safe. There is nothing to be gained by hiding the facts from residents. We are here 24 hours a day and consider security to be more important than image.

I do wish to thank HG's Security Department for their efforts to keep us safe.

**Linda Kolhouse
CP4**

{Editor's Note: At the HGA Board meeting on Dec. 19, a director who had investigated the incident described above discovered that the attack on the dog walker had taken place at another neighborhood. It did not happen in Heather Gardens. Thus, an email blast would have given strength to a rumor, or fake news — not dispersing facts. It can take a while to investigate, to get an accurate story.}

Heather 'n Yon

The HG Optimist Club will be conducting a coat drive to support the "Aurora Warms the Night" homeless shelter in Aurora. Club members will be collecting coats on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12-13, in the Clubhouse Lobby from 9 am-2 pm.

I greatly appreciate your donation of new, or gently used, coats for women, men and children. Thank you!

**Pat Dingfelder
B241**

Heather 'n Yon

Do you like having a good time, learning to playing a fun and easy instrument, and socializing with others?

I am interested in starting a Uke group here at HG. Open to anyone who is interested. I plan to start the group in late January or February and meet weekly, or bi-weekly.

Please call me, email me, text etc., if interested: 303-798-5088 home, 303-570-2430 cell, Dlpark5088@aol.com



Hearts with Ukes

**Darlene Park
B218**

Heather 'n Yon

HG is a community of intelligent, problem solving, open minded residents. Several months ago multiple management companies gave a presentation of their services to approximately 100 residents in the Clubhouse.

B203 residents, at their recent annual meeting, voted to request the HGA Board appoint an ad hoc committee to explore the pros and cons of a management company to serve the community. It is apparent to B203 residents that there is impressive evidence among residents interested in this information.

Both HGA and HGMD Boards denied this request without any explanation. If you are a resident interested in information on alternative management services, contact your representative board members and request they appoint an ad hoc committee to pursue this information.

Your voice matters!

**Donna Morin
B203**

Heather 'n Yon

I'd like to respond to the issue of property management (PM) and why I would personally not choose to support this type of management structure.

1. Right now the personnel budget for the HOA is approximately \$4 million dollars. I believe that contracting with a PM firm will cost 20 percent more than that. This would be an increase of about \$412 per unit. I am not sure about everyone else but I can't afford this. The PM firm will tell

you they can save you money by hiring them, and that is usually because they cut the number of staff. If the number of staff is brought down, it could mean a decrease in service to residents.

2. I have been told that when there are lawsuits with an HOA, the majority of the time it is related to management issues with a property management firm. They do things their way — not the way that is best for residents.

3. In the survey, it came across pretty clear that HG residents like the staff at HG. This is whether it is someone from maintenance, roads and ground, etc. If we were to hire a property management firm, they would most probably bring in their own managers, and in some cases bring in their own staff. This could mean that all or most of current employees would be let go. Sometimes there is an option to be rehired by the PM firm, sometimes not. I also don't believe that HG would ever get the personal attention that residents currently get from employees, if a PM firm were in charge.

Although I am a board member, I am also a resident. I was elected to represent the residents. Although PM sounds good to some, I don't believe the option of a PM firm is in the best interests of the HOA. That's why I don't support this concept.

This is MY reasoning for not supporting a PM. I am NOT speaking for any other board member or the board as a whole.

**Kathy Buhrman
B250**

Heather 'n Yon

The street light in front of B223 and the one just east of it in front of the CPs have been out for the last five nights at least, and possibly longer. I've been out of town and can't say for sure. I walk my dog every night. The dark street is a threat to my safety and that of my dog either from coyotes, or possibly humans.

It seems to me that doing something as simple as making a phone call to keep the streets safer should be one of HG Security's duties. Presumably the officers patrol the streets every night. They are astute enough to be aware when it's darker than

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usual. To make sure they were aware of the problem, I called the Management Office, asking them to notify the Security Department. The darkness persisted last for two nights.

So, I called the city only to find out that the lights are owned and maintained by Xcel. The number to call for future problems is 800-895-1999. I hope the Security Department puts the number in its Rolodex and on auto dial.

**Carol Wasteneys
B223**

Heather 'n Yon

To the HG residents who donated to the Optimist food drive, the club thanks you for your generous contributions, kind words and encouraging smiles. We collected over 150 cartons of food for distribution to three Aurora food banks: Mississippi Baptist, Interfaith and the Friends of St. Andrews. A fourth local organization, the Denver Indian Center also received a portion of your food donations.

Some of you saw the front page article in the Nov. 30 edition of the

Aurora Sentinel. Not all are sharing in the prosperity that Aurora enjoys and we hear so much about these days. Not only homeless, but low income individuals and families are depending on local food banks to provide meals for their families. Your faithfulness to the Optimist Club's food drive has gone a long way toward filling the drained shelves at several organizations.

A shout out to the more than 30 Optimist members who collected food throughout the first week in December to make all this possible. No task was beyond their generous spirit. Assembling boxes, making multiple trips to buildings for pickup, loading trucks for delivery — all were done with encouraging smiles, boundless energy and loving hugs.

To all who participated in such a worthy cause, please accept our club's deep appreciation!

**Linda Merges
B242**

Heather 'n Yon

By a majority vote, Seville participants attending the luncheon held at the Rendezvous on Nov. 9 voted a newly formed social group to be

known as the Sevillians! The Sevillians are comprised of all the residents from B231, B232, B233, B234, B235, and B236.

Previously, at the Oct. 10 dinner, we requested ideas for future social gatherings and events. Many fine ideas were presented. We hope to make many of those ideas happen.

December presented an opportunity to fulfill two of those suggestions: caroling from building to building within the Seville area (spearheaded by Karyn Simon) and a competitive outside building lighting/decorating contest.

The interest and enthusiasm for the lighting contest was 100 percent participation! All entrants received recognition and were graded on a 1-10 scale using preselected categories. The lighting/décor judging, and following commentaries were done by Colette Haskell, CCNP, from Nick's Garden Center 2001 S. Chambers, Aurora, CO. See winners below.

**Patt Clark
B235**

Seville buildings hold holiday lighting display contest

Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis;
comments (below right by Display
Judge Colette Haskell.)



Above: 1st place winner with a PERFECT 10 is B233! It was flashy and bright. The side yard trees really made the building look festive. The matching multiple wreaths were beautiful. Good participation on the porches and railings. The entry demonstrated a lot of effort and creativity. The giant candles and cycling Santa were personal favorites. Due to the fact that this building was responsible for the entrance into Seville, the deer grouping, and the pool fence lighting gained them some extra "holiday cookie points!" Special recognition and credit goes to the design talents of Bill Howlett and his support staff, Duff Stewart and Michael Lickteig.

Left: 2nd place winner with 9 points is B235! A super nice display — bright and sparkly. The railing garland/entry and pots were beautiful! Snowflake windows were a lovely touch. Special recognition and credit goes to the design team of Bob and Ann Black with support staff, Al Reasoner, Jack and Patt Clark, and Kris Stanley.



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 is at 12:15 pm.

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

CP1

Our happy hour meets at 5 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, in the Banquet Room.

HG Breakfast Optimist Club

We meet at 7:45 am in Rendezvous on the first and third Thursdays of every month. The club is a service organization that focuses on youth in the community.

We are always looking for folks interested in joining us. Our projects this year include Yale Elementary School, Childhood Cancer Campaign, Type 1 Diabetes, the Aurora Cooking School, and Aurora Warms the Night. Please join us — we'll treat you to a complementary buffet breakfast at your first visit. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315 or jmntg.1229@gmail.com Our upcoming speakers are:

Jan. 4: Barbara Lilly, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Jan. 18: Linda Holloway will speak on, "Bessie's Hope."

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The club meets from 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday in the Blue Spruce Room. Men and women are

welcome, so come in around 8:15, so we can say "hi!" For more information contact Vicki Queen, 303-489-0409, or visit www.TOPs.org.

HG Writers Club

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

We currently meet 1–4 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Gloria Leshner, 720-315-9925, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

CP4

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

Kiwanis Club of Aurora

The club is a member of a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The club meets 6 pm Thursdays at the Rendezvous Restaurant at HG. We also are on the web: Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org. For more information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

American Legion Post 2012

We are a small American Legion post, chartered in 2012, and have now moved to HG. We are always looking for veterans interested in helping veterans in our community. We offer friendship, community service, fellowship and fun with other vets and their families, and outreach to homeless vets. Come to a meeting, and check us out. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the Mountainview Room.

Men with Purpose

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

Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For further

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

Frolics Club

The club will hold auditions for the upcoming Spring Show 2 pm Sunday, Jan. 7, in the Sandberg Auditorium. Please bring a recorded CD or an instrument of your choice for the audition.

Be ready to read a few lines from the chosen script, in addition to performing your favorite song or dance. We also welcome other talents. A lot goes on behind the stage, and everyone has something to offer.

If you have a talent that could be used in the production, please contact Sheila Bluestein, 303-745-5646. A members' holiday brunch is being planned for some time in February, date TBA later. — M. Mines

A Circle of Friends

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

Monthly activities include Senior Ric's, 4–6 pm, second Monday. Panera's, 9–11 am on the third Monday of the month: coffee, social time. Birthday Lunch Brunch: poker, pinocle, bridge plus social times. Bakers St. Pub, 4–6 pm, fourth Thursday.

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

Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network Brunch

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

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

Parkinson Support Group

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

Heather Gardens Indivisible

Our group is an informal network of citizens concerned about the increasing role of anonymous

big-money organizations in our democratic processes. We focus on providing information that individual citizens can use to communicate effectively with elected officials. We view such individual involvement as the only way to counter-balance the role of big money in setting the governmental agenda at both the national and local levels.

We are concerned about the environment, the shrinking middle class, health care, quality public education, and all the fundamental factors needed to ensure that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people can survive in this era of big-money politics.

We hold an informal information sharing meeting every Friday in Rendezvous at 12:15 pm, and a monthly general meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm in the Aspen Room. We are developing a closed (safe) Facebook group to share information. Please join us if you share our concerns. Our web site is: <https://sites.google.com/view/hg-indivisible>. – Al Lindeman

B203 and B204

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

The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

The NoteAbles would like to thank all who attended our debut concert in December. Sandberg Auditorium was filled to capacity, and so many expressed appreciation for our performance. We found your kind words and good-will offering very encouraging and welcome.

As we look in our rearview mirror at the year 2017, the NoteAbles met every Tuesday evening, rehearsed new and familiar songs, made new friends, and became a team with one goal in mind: to put together a concert we could enjoy and share with you. We thank you for your support.

We will meet every Tuesday and resume rehearsals 7 pm Tuesday Jan. 9. We sing new and old familiar songs with varying genres, such as musicals, pop, patriotic and folk. HG residents and non-residents are welcome to join. Monthly dues are only \$10. We still are building numbers and interest. The train has not left the station. All aboard?



Above: Shel McClaury, CP3, finally got to sing his favorite Don Ho song "Tiny Bubbles"



In December, the Karaoke Club sang Christmas songs. We warmed up with the Club Members singing Silver Bells and Jingle Bell Rock.

Because of Paul Spoutz's, B244, new Karaoke machine, the club was able to sing songs by John Denver, Judy Collins, Gloria Estefan, Creedence Clearwater Rival, Everly Brothers, Kenny Rogers and many more. It has 552,000 commercial songs — enough for everyone to find a favorite.

Above: Jeannine Montgomerie, B214, aka Ms. Senior Colorado, was joined by grandson Alex, husband Chuck and Darlene Anderson, B235, to sing "Winter Wonderland"

Right: Karyn Simon, B236, sang "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" with many in the audience joining her.

Finally the last song was "Auld Lang Syne" — until we see each other again next year 2018, on the second Friday of the month (Jan. 12), 6–8 pm in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms.

Seville

The "Sevillians," residents of the Seville buildings, will meet for lunch at 12:15 pm Thursday, Jan. 11, in Rendezvous. Info? Patt Clark, B235.

The Seville Recreation Assoc. meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. Charles Goodgain, 303-481-8412.

The Green Team

We wish everyone a very happy and green holiday. Meetings will resume on Jan. 11 in the Skyview Room at noon. All are welcome. For more information or advice, call Wendy, 303-306-0066.

Karaoke Club

The Karaoke Club meets 6–8 pm on the second Friday of every month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. This month, we gather on Jan. 12. BYOB and snacks. Great songs to choose from and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call 303-398-3998 or 309-310-5315.

50 and Who's Counting

To start off the year and spice up the winter, we will have a Mexican food buffet and a rousing game of Mexican Train dominos. The date is Saturday, Jan. 13, Blue Spruce

Room; 5:30 pm for social time, 6 pm for dinner. Games will played after dinner.

There will be a taco bar provided. We will ask you for Mexican appetizers, other side dishes or additional main dishes, and desserts (doesn't have to be Mexican). The domino game is a little more fun if you add a little cash to it, so please bring a roll of nickels per person. Please join us for a great evening! – Sandy Brent

Photo Club

Residents of HG who enjoy photography get together the third Monday of the month, 3-5 pm, Aspen Room, to Learn, Shoot and Share. The club is a good venue for meeting people with the same interest as yours. You can form new friendships, and enjoy learning new things about the craft.

The club is open to persons without regard to their photographic knowledge, experience or type of equipment (I-Phones do take very good photographs.) We are not about competitions, and do not collect dues.

We are about promoting photography through learning from other members about your equipment,

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SOLD -Atrium Executive 3 Bedroom Split Flr Plan \$400,000
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Sports and Recreation

Mah Jongg

We meet 12:30–4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room, except the third Monday of each month, when the VNA has the room. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up. No game on Jan. 1 — Clubhouse is closed.

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

Men's Bridge

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

Ping Pong

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

Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6:30–9:30 pm Monday nights in the Mountainview Room, except Jan. 1. For information, call Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

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

Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for January. We play Pickleball outdoors on the HG tennis courts 1-3 pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoon. We also play indoors when there is available time.

Free Pickleball lessons for HG Residents will be offered again in the spring.

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

If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the Pickleball roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258, or by email at pickleball@plaidflannel.com.

Hand and Foot

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

Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the second Tuesday, when we play in the lobby (behind the fireplace). All players welcome, including beginners. You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game; we do not play for money, only glory.

Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to

learn. Call Carol, 720-628-4051, or Pat, 720-535-4603, for information.

Billiard Club

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

All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174, or Connie Burns, 303-693-0766.

Co-ed 8 Ball November 21

- 1st Chuck Finder, Rita Cusack
- 2nd Sean Kelliher, Ray Binder
- 3rd Greg Kachadoorian, Don Anderson

November 28

- 1st Lindy Davenport, Judy Brehmer
- 2nd Brian Bucenec, Joe Ozorkiewicz
- 3rd Greg Kachadoorian, Dee Moore

December 5

- 1st Sean Kelliher, Judy Brehmer
- 2nd Dee Moore Team
- 3rd Bob Decicco, Lindy Davenport

December 12

- 1st Dee Moore, Don Anderson
- 2nd Hi Reynolds, Joe Ozorkiewicz
- 3rd Sean Kelliher, Judy Brehmer

Men's 9-Ball Nov. 16

- 1st Lucky Highfill
- 2nd George Hoffman
- 3rd Brian Bucenec

November 30

- 1st Chuck Finder
- 2nd Brian Bucenec
- 3rd Lindy Davenport

December 7

- 1st Chuck Finder
- 2nd Lucky Highfill
- Judy Brehmer



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HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early. For more information, call John Osterberg, 720-535-1038, or Merrily VanZevern, 720-282-3199. For partnership information, call Corley Freisen, 303-872-3308.

Men's Poker

We welcome all interested men poker players to join us at our regular poker sessions. We play 4-9:15 pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings in the Skyview Room. We play Texas Hold 'em 5-9 pm Mondays, in the Blue Spruce Room.

We play friendly, small-stakes poker, usually including a variety of "dealers choice" games. For more information, please call Larry Hill, 720-272-7765, or Milt Merrick at 303-829-7188 or milt-merrick@hotmail.com.

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.

Men's Golf

As I write, the snow is already melting off our course. We can use the moisture, but the two-month dry spell made it possible to play a lot of golf during a usually mar-

ginal season. So I do have to say, wow!

Looking back on the entire year, I also have to say, wow. Only one tournament was called for weather. Thousands of rounds played, making the men's golf league membership the largest financial supporter of HG golf course. Thousands of dollars raised for the DAV, and many other highlights. And who can forget the cook-outs, banquets and root beer floats. Thanks for the generosity, fellows.

We also want to express our condolences to the families of club members who passed this year: Sam Mathieson, John Murphy and Ron Aden. They will be sorely missed.

Looking forward to 2018, big things are brewing. You may have received your membership form by email, so get that to the pro shop, the sooner the better.

The golf course will continue to need your support. Go to the board meetings, and express your support for our course, and those who keep it the best in the country.

Respect other golfers, respect the course and keep swinging. – Ed Bradley

Mexican Train Dominoes

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

Tennis Club

May your Holiday Season be like a tennis ball, full of life and bringing more than LOVE to all your friends and family. We continue to play through the winter, weather permitting. For more information, contact Wendy at 303-306-0066.

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Employee Recognition

Employee of the Month

Cherelle Jacobs began working for HG in December 2016 as the Contracts Project Coordinator. Cherelle immediately took the initiative by beginning to familiarize herself with the Procedures Memorandum A1, Declaration of Condominium, and any documents relevant to her position.

With Cherelle's positive attitude and eagerness to learn, she took on an active role in projects that were being managed. While conducting her own research to learn about HG and the current issues faced by the community, she became a key resource for residents who had questions or concerns.

Here's hoping you find a joyful (and safe) way to celebrate a new year!



Cherelle has successfully taken on multiple tasks that include researching, running the department's safety meetings, contract preparation, bid acquisition, contractor progress payments and project management. In addition, she was invited to join the CTC Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee.

Cherelle is willing to take on any project or task. She is an asset to HGA. Her efforts and hard work are appreciated.

Please join me in congratulating Cherelle Jacobs as the November 2017 Employee of the Month.

Calvin White, CMCA
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Cherelle Jacobs
Contracts Project Coordinator

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13626 E. Bates Ave. #206 – \$160,000



1br/1ba – 870 sq.ft. Alpha B – Great home ready with new paint throughout. Wonderful location. Walk to clubhouse. Course views from the enclosed lanai. Only a short walk to the clubhouse.

13800 E. Marina Dr. #303 – \$210,000



2br/2ba – 1092 sq.ft. Seville A – Great view from your life area from quiet class enclosed lanai. Comfortable living room opens to 2nd bed/den. Newer appliances in kitchen. Walk-in closet in master. Enjoy Seville amenities. Great opportunity.

14001 E. Marina Dr. #611 – \$294,900



2br/2ba – 1380 sq.ft. Somerset C – Awesome \$300,000 remodel, plus mountain views from top floor. Kitchen features maple cabinets, quartz counters, slide out shelves & more. Built in faux fireplace in living room. Glass enclosed lanai.

SOLD - 13691 E. Marina Dr. #201

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how to shoot better photos (with occasional field trips), and sharing those photos with others to improve your skills. Whether you're a hobbyist, serious amateur or professional photographer, joining a photography club is one of the best ways to improve your skills.

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, 9–11 am, Skyview Room. For information, contact Harold Thompson, 720-748-7090, or Ruth Miller, 720-535-4954.

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 CP3 social meets 5:30 pm the third Wednesday of each month in Rendezvous Restaurant. Please join your neighbors for the monthly get-together.

The Society of Military Widows Chapter 22

We meet the fourth Saturday of the month at Blossoms in Windsor Gardens. We have lunch, which is \$13.50, and includes tax and tip. For information, call Sally, 303-751-7299. For a reservation, call Monica, 303-341-2482. – Mae Shockley

Wine & Cheese Social Club

Come 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 McClaury

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 Republicans

The club will meet 1:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 23, the Aspen Room. Our guest speaker will be Bob Roth, City Councilman, Ward V. Everyone is invited.

Also there are Voter Registration Forms at the Reception Desk to change your address, name or party affiliation. If you have questions, please call me, Ruth Prendergast, President, 303-632-7873.

HG Democrat Club

We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month, 4–5:30 pm, in Rendezvous Restaurant. Join your fellow Democrats on Jan. 23 to hear about candidates, issues and current events. Learn what you can do. Call Martha Karnopp, 303-353-9640, for information.

HG Aviation Club

For January only, the HG Aviation Club will meet 7 pm on the third Wednesday, Jan. 17, in the Aspen Room. The club will kick-off the New Year with a viewing of the official Oshkosh 2017 DVD!

EAA did an outstanding job on the DVD, which is the next best thing to being there. Highlights include “Bomber Week,” the 50th anniversary of the B-52, a fly-over by B-52, the B1B Lancer, and a B2 Stealth all together!

Also shown was the Oshkosh debut of a second flying B-29 Superfortress bomber, “Doc.” Two B-29s flew together, for the first time since 1945!

Also, it was the 75th Anniversary of “Doolittle’s Raiders,” the U.S. B-25 bomber raid over Tokyo, only six months after Pearl Harbor. Special honors were paid to the last surviving member of the Doolittle’s Raiders, Col. Dick Cole. Cole was Gen. Doolittle’s co-pilot, and is 101 years old.

It was a memorable event, all captured on the EAA’s Oshkosh 2017 DVD. Come join us on Jan. 17. – Rudy Morris

Caregivers Support Group

HG Caregivers Support 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 our problems together. It is a chance to meet others in the same situation, and to learn how we each meet the challenges of caregiving.

If you cannot leave your care receiver alone, we now have an experienced caregiver who will spend the time with your special person in another room in the Clubhouse during our meeting. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

HG Grief Support

If you have lost a loved one, our Grief Support Group can help you. We offer eight-week sessions to help participants through their grief. Registration is required. Please contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for information.

We meet in the spring and fall for the eight weekly groups. There is no charge. Individual contact is available if you need help at other times. Joanne Brand has been offering support groups for more than 12 years. Call 303-750-9722.

Woodshop Meeting

The next Woodshop Club meeting will be 4 pm Wednesday, Feb. 7, in the Mountainview Room. We will see you then. – Jim Sollecchio, Wood Shop Club president

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties (LWVADC) is a cadre of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to educate, advocate, and empower our fellow citizens in the democratic processes. Membership is open to women and men. Call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466, for information on meetings.



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Among the musical groups that entertained HG residents in December was this group of middle school students from East Middle School. On stage is the band (below). In front was the chorus with their director/teacher on the piano (right).



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Trips and Tours

The King and I

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2 pm

Buell Theatre

Signup Deadline: Friday, Jan. 6.

Cost: \$87

Winner of the 2015 Tony Award for Best Musical Revival, *The King and I* is "too beautiful to miss" (*New York Magazine*) and boasts a score that features such beloved classics as "Getting To Know You," "I Whistle a Happy Tune."

National Western

Thursday, Jan. 18, 10:30 am

Denver Coliseum

Signup Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 4.

Cost: \$19

Bulls and broncs, cowboys and cowgirls — rodeo's biggest superstars perform amazing feats of athleticism during each performance of the professional rodeo. Whether you prefer thrills and spills, or speed and agility, the National Western's Pro Rodeo is the event for you.

Into the Woods

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 pm

Lakewood Cultural Center

Signup Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Cost: \$37

Be careful what you wish for as Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's cockeyed fairy tale comes to life in this ground-breaking, Tony Award-winning musical. The story follows the Baker and his wife who wish to have a child, Cinderella who wishes to go the King's Festival, and Jack who wishes his cow would give some milk. When the Baker and his wife are visited by the neighborhood witch it is revealed that she placed a curse on their family. The two set

off on a journey into the woods to reverse the curse. In the woods they meet Little Red, who is trying to visit her grandmother, the Wolf who loves tasty little girls, the Witch's daughter Rapunzel and the Princes chasing after their loves.

Dazzle

Thursday, Jan. 25, 11:30 am

Thursday, Feb. 22, 11:30 am

Thursday, March 29, 11:30 am

Downtown

Signup Deadlines: Three weeks prior to each trip

Cost: \$28

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.

American Mariachi

Saturday, Feb. 3, 1:30 pm

Stage Theatre

Signup Deadline: Monday, Jan. 15,

Cost: \$37

Lucha and Boli are ready to start their own all-female mariachi band, but they'll have to fight a male-dominated music genre and pressure from their families to get it done. This humorous, heartwarming story about music's power to heal and connect includes gorgeous live mariachi music.

The Electric Baby

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 pm

The Black Box Theatre

Signup Deadline: Friday, Jan. 26,

Cost: \$48

A folktale for adults, *The Electric Baby* combines magic, myth, and humor to explore devastating loss and

hopeful healing. Six strangers' lives collide after a tragic car accident, forcing them to confront the secrets, hopes, and fears that haunt their lives. At the play's center is a mysterious baby that glows like the moon and draws the characters together as they open their hearts and rediscover that human connection, laughter and stories shared can redeem sorrow. (Magical realism, dark comedy, strong adult language)

Guys and Dolls

Sunday, Feb. 18, 2:30 pm

Lakewood Cultural Center

Signup Deadline: Monday, Jan. 29.

Cost: \$11

Guys and Dolls moves from bustle of Times Square to the dance clubs of Havana to the sewers of New York City as it demonstrates the great lengths to which a guy will go when he truly falls in love with a "doll."

Romeo and Juliet

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2 pm

Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Deadline Signup: Thursday, Jan. 4.

Cost: \$62

Colorado Ballet presents this romantic ballet to take your breath away with extraordinary choreography by Derek Deane. Dancers provide exceptional acting and artistry. The phenomenal musical score by Sergei Prokofiev is performed by the Colorado Ballet Orchestra. From the energetic crowd scenes to the famous balcony scene featuring the star-crossed lovers, Colorado Ballet will bring the tale of Juliet and her Romeo to life.

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Denver Concert Band “Up and Away”

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2 pm

Lone Tree Arts Center

Signup Deadline: Friday, Feb. 9.

Cost: \$19

Come join us for the annual Guest Artist Concert: “Up and Away,” featuring trumpet soloist, Tim Hudson, a Yamaha Performing Artist. Musical selections for this concert include “Symphonic Suite from Far and Away,” “Journey Through Orion,” and “March of the Belgian Paratroopers.” You don’t want to miss this one!

Real Women Have Curves

Sunday, March 4, 2 pm

Aurora Fox Theatre

Signup Deadline: Thursday, Feb. 8.

Cost: \$27

Set in a tiny sewing factory in East Los Angeles, *Real Women Have Curves* examines family values, gender politics and the Latina immigrant experience. The play is told from the point of view of Ana, the youngest employee at the factory. Ambitious and bright, Ana yearns to go to college, but doesn’t have the money. The action of the play occurs over the course of five hot summer days at the factory, as the women talk about their lives, fears and deepest desires while attempting to meet impossible production deadlines.

Always...Patsy Cline

Saturday, March 17, 12 pm

Signup Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Cost: \$43

Boulder Dinner Theatre — \$4.50
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Always...Patsy Cline is based on the true story of Patsy Cline’s friendship with Houston housewife Louise Seger. Focusing on the fateful evening at Houston’s Esquire Ballroom when Seger hears of Cline’s death in a plane crash, Seger supplies a narrative while Cline floats in and out of the set singing tunes that made her famous: “Anytime,” “Walkin’ After Midnight,” “She’s Got You,” “Sweet Dreams,” and “Crazy.”

Casino Trips

Mardi Gras or Golden Gate – Blackhawk

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 8:30 am–3:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 8:30 am–3:30 pm

Cost: \$6

Get a \$5 food voucher upon arrival and \$5 free play on your card. When you earn 200 base points or one hour of tracked table play on the day of visit, you will receive another \$5 food voucher.

Beethoven’s Emperor

Sunday, March 18, 1 pm

DCPA

Signup Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 11.

Cost: \$50

Roll over Beethoven: the Colorado Symphony has corralled electri-

fying pianist Zhang Zuo (“Zee Zee”) to perform the composer’s vigorous and demanding Piano Concerto No. 5. Zee Zee, dubbed “full of enthusiasm and glamour.

Principal Guest Conductor Andrew Litton will lead the orchestra in Shostakovich’s massive, volatile Symphony No. 11 — a powerful piece full of moody contrasts — for a night of explosive and energizing masterworks. Run Time: 1 hour and 53 minutes. This includes one 20-minute intermission.

Sound of the Rockies: Jukebox Heroes

Saturday, March 24, 2 pm

Newman Center

Signup Deadline: Thursday, March 1

Cost: \$26

“Come and enjoy a ROCKIN’ spring performance presented by Sound of the Rockies, Colorado’s premier men’s a cappella chorus. If you lived through the era of Rock and Roll you will be singing along as the chorus journeys through the ages, featuring songs you know and love. Under the direction of Mark Hale, four-time gold medal winning chorus director, the chorus will thrill you with a new sound and stage performances. Also featured will be Throwback quartet, the 2017 International 4th place Barbershop Harmony Society Bronze medal winners.

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daytime classes are held at the Aurora Center for Active Adults. To apply, contact Alice Jackson, APD Volunteer/Intern Coordinator, 303-739-6346 or ajackson@auroragov.org. Applications are also available online at www.auroragov.org.

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Opera Colorado

Steal a Pencil for Me

Jan. 25, 27, 28, 30

The Elaine Wolf Theatre
at the Mizel Arts and Culture Center
350 S. Dahlia St, Denver

Tickets are selling quickly for the world premiere of this intimate new opera based on the true story of Jaap Polak and Ina Soep. Don’t miss out on their hopeful story of life-sustaining love, which blossomed during their imprisonment at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp during the final year of World War II.

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Wednesday, Jan. 3, 303-308-9300. 1937 Market Street, Denver.

National Western Stock Show

Jan. 6–21

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HG Clubhouse Events

Please bring your receipt to the event.

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Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise

Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve

Clubhouse Holiday Hours:

Monday, Jan. 1 – Closed all day

Winter Classes start Jan. 2

Great Rabbis, Great Insights

Thursday, Jan. 4, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

Thursday, Jan. 11, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

A weekly exploration of a great Torah leader and his thoughts on the weekly Torah reading. Rabbi Fleisher will discuss the weekly Parsha in the context of telling the story of a great Rabbi and his insights on the Parsha.

Movie Matinee and Night: *Dunkirk*

Friday, Jan. 5, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

In May 1940, Germany advanced into France, trapping Allied troops on the beaches of Dunkirk. Under air and ground cover from British and French forces, troops were slowly and methodically evacuated from the beach using every serviceable naval and civilian vessel that could be found. At the end of this heroic mission, 330,000 French, British, Belgian and Dutch soldiers were safely evacuated. Rated PG-13

1st Saturday Night Dance

Saturday, Jan. 6, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Music by Terry Norona

Fee: HG resident, \$6

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

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

Chair Massage

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 9–11 am, Skyview Room

Fee: \$20 per 15 min. Appointment, call 303-751-1811.

Chair massage is a style of seated massage that focuses mainly on your neck, shoulders, back, arms and hands. It is done over your clothes, and does not require the use of any lotions or oils. You will be seated in a special chair made for massage, which allows you to feel completely supported while your therapist uses a combination of techniques to relieve tension and promote relaxation. Enjoy a relaxing 15-minute chair massage with Hollie McIntire, RMT.

Active Minds: Saudi Arabia

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

With over 20 percent of the world's proven oil reserves, Saudi Arabia continues to be important to the global economy. Learn the story of this complex nation. Topics will cover Saudi history, the recent generational transition of power in the Saudi Royal family, and the complicated role played by the Wahhabi school of Sunni Islamic thought in the country and the region.

Bingo

Thursday, Jan. 11, 3–4:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Join Jeremy, from Harvard Square, as he calls Bingo. It is free to play. The winners will get to select from an assortment of fun prizes. There will be tasty treats and beverages.

The Gilded Age

Friday, Jan. 12, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$3, Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Imagine a time of decadence where social gathering ruled the day along with the social elites. Familiar names in society such as Vanderbilt, Astor, Carnegie and Rockefeller hosted opulent balls and New Year's celebrations. The wealthy competed to have the most lavish homes and lifestyles.

Spellbinders Storytellers

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1–3 pm, Aspen Room

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Spend an afternoon with Spellbinders storytellers and hear stories of love, fun and friendship! Do you love a good story? It's a new year. Join us to see how you could use storytelling to benefit your family and the community.

Creative Card Making

Thursday Jan. 18, 1 pm, Skyview Room

Fee: \$20 Payable to instructor, registration requested.

Make beautiful decorative cards for any occasion. All materials provided, just come with your creativity.

Movie Matinee and Night: *Victoria and Abdul*

Friday, Jan. 19, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

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

Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favor with the queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity. Rated PG-13

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Lenny Kaye Jazz Quartet

Friday Jan. 26, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$5, \$6 on the day of event. Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Lenny Kaye is a popular male vocalist and has performed in various venues throughout the United States. He has been a featured vocalist, performing at clubs in Chicago, Palm Springs, Denver, Atlanta and New York. In Denver, he was the originator of the very popular “Jazz

for Seniors” at Dazzle Jazz. He has worked at numerous clubs in the Denver area. Lenny has often accompanied Billy Wallace at La Cour. Lenny’s style of singing is reminiscent of the style of Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett. He is well known in the Denver jazz community.

Texas Hold ‘em Poker

Friday, Jan. 26, 6:30 pm, Aspen/Blue Spruce Room

Fee: \$5

Everyone starts with \$2,000 in chips. Sign up by 5 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 24, and get \$500 in extra chips. Only HG residents may participate. Practice session at 5:30. Space is limited.

Art & Sculpture Showcase

Friday, Feb. 23, 1–5 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: No Registration requested

Calling all artists. This is your time to shine. The Clubhouse will showcase the many artists in HG. If you sculpt, draw, paint, sew, work with wood, or any other artwork — you can showcase your item(s) at this event. Display your artwork for an afternoon, then enjoy a “Meet the Artist” reception. Applications available at Clubhouse Reception Desk. Tables available. However, you will need to provide your own easel and/or stand. Space is limited.

Free Days for January

Aurora History Museum is free Tuesdays–Sundays.

303-739-6660, 9 am–4 pm Tues–Fri
www.auroragov.org, 11 am–4 pm Sat, Sun
15051 E Alameda Parkway

Denver Children’s Museum Tuesday, Jan. 2
303-433-7444, 4–8 pm, www.mychildsmuseum.org,
2121 Children’s Museum Dr.

Denver Botanic Gardens @ Chatfield Tuesday, Jan. 2
720-865-4346, 9 am–5 pm
www.botanicgardens.org
8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton

Clyfford Still Museum is free Friday evenings 5–8 pm
720-354-4880 Jan. 26, 10 am–5 pm
www.clyffordstillmuseum.org,
1250 Bannock St, Denver

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Denver Art Museum Saturday, Jan. 6
720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm; 5–10 pm
www.denverartmuseum.org, 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy

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720-865-4346, 9 am–5 pm
www.botanicgardens.org,
21901 E. Hampden Ave, Aurora

Denver Museum of Nature and Science Monday, Jan. 8
303-322-7009, www.dmns.org 2001 Colorado Blvd, 9 am–5 pm Sunday, Jan. 28
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium)

Denver Zoo Thursday, Jan. 11
303-376-4800, www.denverzoo.org Friday, Jan. 19
2300 Steele St Saturday, Jan. 20

Denver Botanic Gardens Monday, Jan. 15
720-865-3500, 9 am–9 pm
www.botanicgardens.org, 1007 York St, Denver

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The thrifty pet — how to save \$\$\$

by Mary Hafka

My New Year's resolution is to save money on unnecessary household expenses. To achieve this, I've decided to put my four-footed roommates to work.

Most people probably think it's expensive to own a pet. Vet bills, grooming tools, vitamin supplements, exotic dining at the Rendezvous Restaurant.

(I'm not quite sure when the dog and cat ate at Rendezvous. All I know is, the charge is on my Visa bill, plain as day.)

This kind of thinking actually is shortsighted. There are any number of household items a pet owner can refrain from purchasing, if she shares the house with a thrifty pet. These can offset the costs of maintaining a cat and/or dog.

I haven't needed an alarm clock, for example, since Morticia, the dog, came to live with us two years ago. Mortie is an excellent timekeeper, and can indicate, to the minute, at what time she wishes for me to rise.

The timing of her first walk of the morning is crucial, as it immediately precedes serving her breakfast, the most important meal of the day — unless one counts her dinner, the most important meal of later in the day.

Mortie is ever so considerate about how she wakes me. If she is ready to arise before I am, Mortie fills the time by performing calisthenics in bed. She lies on her back and gently kicks her legs in the air, to get a little circulation going. Every now and then, she accidentally kicks me in the stomach, or in the back of the head. I usually take the hint, and get up.

If I'm still not ready to rise, Mortie kills a little more time by gazing out the bedroom window. She eliminates the need for me to buy a security

system, as she watches the passing traffic like a hawk. She barks appropriate warnings.

Because the bed is underneath the window, she will sit on my head to improve her view. After a few minutes of wearing a 20-pound dog hat, I usually will relent, and arise.

Sleeping with a dog also can eliminate the need to purchase and power an electric blanket. The heat given off by a small, furry dog body is reminiscent of the historical practice of putting a hot brick in a sleeper's bed, prior to their retiring, to get the bed sheets toasty warm.

The difference is that a sleeper removes the hot brick before retiring. Trying to remove a heavily sleeping dog, which has established herself dead center in the bed, presents a greater problem. Evicting a dog from the bed does little good — she just sneaks back after the sleeper is soundly snoring.

I no longer purchase spray bottles of laundry pre-treat, to help keep spots from setting in the wash. The dog removes all spots from my clothing, especially if the spots were made by food. The makers of Shout! Triple-Acting Laundry Stain Remover might want to patent her perfectly abrasive tongue. Not a hint of stain remains after she completes her service.

A homeowner can dispense with the need to buy vacuum-cleaner bags, simply by wrapping the pet in double-sided tape. As the cheerful animal romps and rolls around on the carpeting, it assures that a person will never need to vacuum again.

Repairs on a faltering garbage disposal can be pushed back until next year. I am fortunate to be blessed with a dog and a cat that, quite literally, will eat anything.

Disposing of food scraps simply isn't a problem.

Pre-rinsing of dishes can be eliminated, saving on water bills. Putting the dish on the floor for the dog to polish off ensures that a completely food-free plate is ready to pop into the dishwasher. This can save money on dishwashing soap, as well. (The cat would be happy to help with this chore, but the dog usually muscles him out of the way.)

Pets are very time bound, and resistant to change. For this reason, watches and calendars are scarcely needed around the house. The dog and cat let me know precisely when it's breakfast time, dinner time, walk time, bed time, and time to go to the store, to stock up on pet treats.

Pets make the perfect personal assistants. Thanks to the dog, I always know when the carpet needs shampooing. The cat dictates when the furnace filter needs changing, which is more frequent during shedding seasons.

(Strangely, though, the cat and dog fall down on the job when it's time to remind me they need their annual shots at the vet. For this task, I still must mark a calendar.)

In their role of personal assistants, the dog and cat monitor my wardrobe, and assign certain apparel to be discarded each year. In the case of the dog, this takes the form of her chewing on certain old shoes, which necessitates their being discarded, then replaced with new ones. The new-shoes expense tends to offset the money I saved by not employing a wardrobe mistress.

So, as we embark on a new year of frugality, I can count the many blessings of owning a cat and a dog, the latter of whom I refer to as my free in-home canine exercise system. She must be walked four times a day, since my home lacks a fenced-in back yard.

My cat, my dog, and I want to wish all our faithful readers the happiest new year. If you should happen to see one of them hanging around the Rendezvous bar, stop and say "hello." (Sadly, for my money-savings campaign, they also drink anything.)



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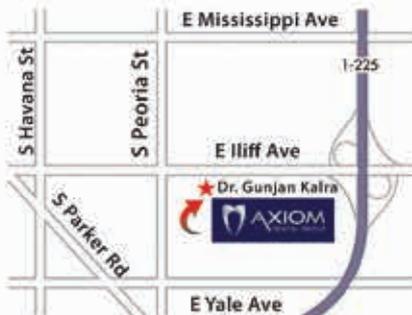
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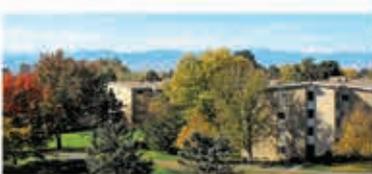
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