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# *The Hour-Glass*



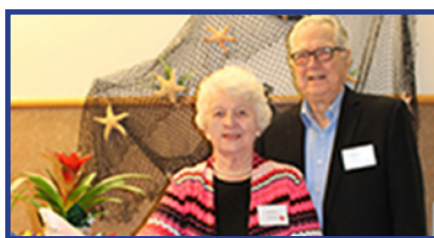
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## *Giving Thanks to Our Donors!*



Doris Lewis & Dick Hitz



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### *"Polynesian Delight"*

2014 Donor Recognition Dinner

We're grateful we had the opportunity to say thank you to our donors at the 25th Annual Caring Club Donor Recognition Event held on Sunday, September 28, 2014.

The afternoon was spent enjoying a Polynesian-themed dinner, followed by entertainment provided by none other than the M.W. Joe McBride. (No, he didn't wear a grass skirt!)

This yearly event is held to recognize those donors who have made gifts of \$500 or more to The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation's Caring Club. The funds raised are used for our residents' daily needs.

We hope you will join us next year!



M. W. Joe McBride



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## *Thankful for our Board of Trustees and Employees*

The Nebraska Masonic Home has so much to be proud of as our facility is one of the finest in the Midwest. The Home's excellent reputation is a point of pride with all of the employees as they all work very hard to maintain our reputation. The service provided to our residents 24 hours a day is dignified, caring, and professional; the care is exactly what all of our residents deserve now and always. Our employees deserve so much praise for all they do; and I want them to know they are truly appreciated.

Another group that deserves the utmost praise and appreciation is a very excellent group of 15 gentlemen that comprise our Board of Trustees for The Nebraska Masonic Home. During my entire career here at The Home, our Board of Trustees has always been a group of professional and devoted members of the Masonic fraternity.

These gentlemen all have very diverse careers and backgrounds. Our Board members are from a 400 mile radius . . . they hail from as far west as Chappell and as far north as South Sioux City. Each one adds his individual expertise and commitment to our Board while making decisions concerning the ongoing operation and financial stability of The Masonic Home. The decisions they make on behalf of The Home are prudent as well as forward thinking – this is why you have such a fine private nonprofit health care facility

available to you today and into the future.

Being a Board of Trustees' member is a labor of love. . . the fine men sitting on the Board throughout the last 111 years and those presiding today competently and compassionately perform their duties of stewardship. They are the reason our Masonic Home is what it is today. The pride the employees have for your Masonic Home is also a direct result of the excellent decisions made by our Board. They conscientiously execute every decision to ensure our residents are provided the excellent care they deserve.



I know the Board also appreciates the employees they have entrusted to care for our residents and facility as well as manage the day-to-day operation of The Masonic Home.

Thank you to the Board and the employees! Thank you to the families who have entrusted



*Dave Knutson*



*Ron Brasel*



*Robert Maline*

their loved ones to our care!

A fraternal bond . . . a loving, compassionate environment. . . excellent employees and Board leadership equal 111 years of excellence in health care. The Nebraska Masonic Home is the place to be! Let us be there for you! 🏠

*Mary C. Stapp*

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Executive Director





## *Enjoying a “3L” marriage—living, laughing and loving... Meet Carl and Willa Barney*

Carl and Willa Barney hail from small towns in central Nebraska, Carl born in Seward in 1928 and Willa born in Humphrey in 1925, and both went their separate ways until fate brought them together at a 1976 wedding in Evergreen, Colorado. Both had been married once and each had three children, but the 1976 union started what Carl calls their “3L” marriage, one of “living, laughing, and loving.”



Carl’s family had moved to Los Angeles when he was in junior high, and he graduated from high school and attended Los Angeles City College. Willa finished her high schooling in Humphrey and moved to Omaha where she took on secretarial jobs, starting in the Stockyard Exchange building.

In Los Angeles Carl took a job with the growing Continental Can Company, but in a few years jobs for the same company were available on 72<sup>nd</sup> Street in Omaha, and he eagerly sought a transfer. The night before he left for Nebraska he was made a Master Mason in a California Lodge. He transferred his membership to Papillion Lodge No. 39.

Carl became active in the Scout movement and he joined the Tangier Temple of the Shrine. He eventually became a member of the Shrine Clown unit, and under the tutelage of Ray Arringdale – who served as mentor and good friend – he found his niche as “Cricket” the clown. The circuses and the parades were great

outlets for Carl’s clowning efforts, and Willa took pride in watching him perform. He especially enjoyed meeting the children and joking with them, and in several of his clowning gigs he became familiar with a new place to him – The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Willa became a member of Papillion Chapter No. 114 OES, and Carl was a Rainbow Dad for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Carl retired from Continental Can after 46 years, 5 in California and 41 on Omaha’s South 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, in 1995. They spent many winters as snowbirds in Arizona. Carl and Willa returned to Nebraska as soon as possible – “I had to go home early to see something green,” Carl said. They gave up their winter excursions three years ago.

About a year ago now, Carl and Willa started to talk seriously about moving to The Nebraska Masonic Home, a place where they could always be together no matter what situation presented itself. Their children assisted them with their move to a lovely apartment at The Home in January 2014, which became their cozy home. “That Mary Stapp, she’s a peach,” Carl says. “All the employees here consider themselves your friends, and not just employees doing a job.”



Life may be winding down a little, but in September Carl found himself in Memorial Stadium for the epic win over Miami. Once a Husker always a Husker.

“I never tire of a Nebraska landscape” says Carl as he continues to talk lovingly of the “3L” marriage he and Willa have shared for 38 years now. . . living, laughing, and loving. 🏡

## Meet Letha Pullman, Our Accounting Assistant



Letha Pullman, Accounting Assistant and Payroll Clerk, at The Nebraska Masonic Home, performs many duties. Letha brought her accounting skills with her nine years ago when she joined the administrative staff at The Home.

Fortunately for us, in 2009 Letha agreed to move to the main reception desk and added the receptionist responsibilities to her accounting assistant duties. It's a perfect fit for Letha and The Home.

Letha was born in Moberly, Missouri, and raised in the small Missouri River town of Glasgow. After graduating from Glasgow High School she started working in Fayette, Missouri, before moving to Arkansas in 1982. There, in 1983, she married Greg Pullman, a native of Iowa who was in the construction business in the Fairfield Bay area. They have one daughter and two grandchildren who live in northwest Missouri.

A tornado tore through the local community, including taking out an important bridge and making travel to work by ferry boat necessary, and there was a resulting economic downturn in the community . . . the Pullmans then decided to move back north. In 2005 they settled in Greg's hometown of Sidney, Iowa, where they currently live on ten acres north of town. Greg is the owner/operator of a trucking company

and, of course, Letha is his accounting assistant as well.

In June 2005 Letha saw an ad in the local paper for an accounting position at The Nebraska Masonic Home. She was hired at The Home as an accounting assistant and enjoys the 35-40 minute commute to work.

Letha loves animals (especially her rat terrier "Radar"), her flower gardens, reading, and their work for the church. Letha and Greg are very active in church work, serving on boards and driving the church bus on Sundays to make sure their elderly church members can enjoy Sunday worship also.

Letha and Greg have visited Colorado, taken a cruise to the ports of Mexico, and hope to take an Alaskan cruise someday.

"It's a blessing to work at The Home," says Letha, who has seen her mother and grandmother grow to old age. "I love seeing the residents and visiting with them daily." Letha is a friendly face and a helpful presence at the front desk. She loves the daily interaction with the residents, their families, and our staff. "There is great satisfaction in knowing that I can help them in a positive way."

One of those forms of assistance in this computer age is helping our computer-savvy residents with the computer and e-mail issues they encounter. That ability to help stems from teaching basic computer courses to the townspeople of Fairfield Bay and attending computer programming at ASU-Beebe in Arkansas for a year. How many times and how many people those computer classes have helped!

That's our Letha . . . being "accountable" with a pleasant personality and smile! 📷

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Dear Friends,

We have **so much to be thankful** for this year . . . especially for you, our donors!

Throughout the years, **you have responded** generously to our appeals. Your previous capital campaign gifts helped make it possible to move forward with our now completed building/renovation project. The new spacious dining rooms on the 2nd and 3rd Floors of the Mary C. Stapp Wing have made a major difference for our residents. Meal time and activities are a more pleasurable experience because of the space and the decor. **You made this happen** for the residents.

And more recently, because of **your generosity** we have been able to purchase 40 of the 50 adjustable hi-lo bed frames. The last shipment of the beds was assembled and in the residents' rooms by the end of October (see photo on Page 6). With the touch of a button these frames can be adjusted to better meet the individual needs of residents. Once again, **your kindness** is affecting the daily lives of our residents.

Last fall **you understood** the need for us to replace our resident transport van. Today, because of **your kindness**, our residents are being transported in a new 2014 Dodge Caravan that has been retrofitted to accomodate two wheelchairs and two ambulatory passengers with a rear ramp for loading. Once again, **your compassion** for the needs of our residents is amazing and we want to thank you again for helping us meet their needs.



Yes, The Nebraska Masonic Home has lots to give thanks for. **Thank you** to each and every one of you who has taken time to remember The Home in your charitable giving. As you celebrate this Thanksgiving and the upcoming Christmas holidays, please remember how near and dear you are to the hearts of those who rely on your generosity to have The Masonic Home as their home. **Your gifts** make all the difference in their lives.



Wishing you and your families a safe and blessed holiday season,

*Jo Peters*

Jo Peters  
Foundation Director

P.S. We know we're blessed to have you as donors.

## Beds

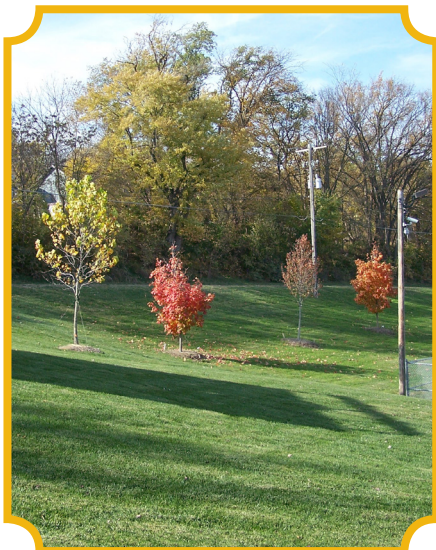
### Sweet Dreams!

Many of the residents are now enjoying the new hi-low beds your gifts have helped purchase. Because of your generosity, we have been able to buy 40 of the 50 much-needed beds.



## Landscape

The most recent phase of the landscaping project involved planting seven new trees: one buckeye, two red sunset maples, one silver maple, one sycamore, one English oak and one tulip tree. The new trees have stunning foliage and the grounds have never looked more beautiful.



## Husker Nation

Back in July the State of Nebraska was already gearing up for football season when Husker Nation 1620 AM-Live made a personal phone call to our very own Mayme Stanfield.

Husker Nation wanted to see how Mayme was doing since they hadn't heard from her on the live call-in show in two years. In years past, Mayme was on the live show at least three times a week.

Since they were so interested in Mayme's prediction for the 2014 football season, they asked her, "How will the Huskers do this year?" "Hope, hope, hope they have a good year, because I love them," replied Mayme.

Mayme's room here at The Masonic Home reflects her true love for the Huskers... there is red everywhere. Even at 94 years young, Mayme is a Husker fan through and through. GO BIG RED!!!!



## Address Corrections

Please contact The Foundation office at (402) 296-7336 with corrections or updates to your mailing address. With your help we can be assured that our Masonic Home friends receive our newsletter.



## A Caring Testimonial...

*"Because of the people in my life and my own association with Masonry, I feel what contribution I can make should go to those who need support--the elderly and the youth. I know The Nebraska Masonic Home will use what I can give most effectively. Because the mission of The Home is grounded in Masonry, I see giving to The Home these past 16 years as my link to Nebraska and my upbringing here."*

Michael Wilson, D. D. S.  
Auxvasse, MO

