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The Hour-Glass



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Caring Club Donor Recognition Dinner "Rock 'n Roll Memories"



Ron & Nancy Furse - Jan & Roger Hild

2016

*Yes, Elvis was
in the building . . .*



Cheryl Beckius, Chuck Sohm, Pam Brhel,
Gary Brhel & Bernard Beckius



Sandra
Panzer



Owen & Mary Stockton



Jerrie
Wilcox



Cullen Pilker

The Caring Club Donor Recognition Event is our once a year opportunity to show everyone's appreciation for the wonderful support shown to The Nebraska Masonic Home and to the residents by our kind and generous donors. Your financial help is key to the quality care and lovely surroundings that are available to eligible members of the Masonic Family.



Isobelle Taylor

THANK YOU for caring!



John & Pauline Parsons



Kim Hansen, Liz Ferguson, Dennis & Nan Rix



Chuck & Anita Sohm

Come for a tour to see the many beautiful spaces that our residents enjoy!
 These spaces can also be reserved for special occasions . . .



Chapel



Board Room



Blue Room



Dining Room

Recent Visitors
 We are delighted that several Lodges and Chapters have visited us this summer. We'd be pleased to schedule a tour for you personally or your lodge/chapter.
 Call **402-296-7302** to reserve a date.

*Tehama Shrine Bus Tour Group
 Narcissus Chapter No. 269
 Florence Lodge No. 281
 Home Chapter No. 189 OES
 Papillion Masonic Family
 Omaha Assembly No. 91, SOOB
 Widows Sons Nebraska & Iron Nobles George
 W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
 Papillion Chapter No. 114 OES
 Tangier Shrine Parade Units
 Trinity Chapter No. 299 OES
 College View Lodge No. 320*



Billiard Room



Assembly Room



Patio



Family Room



Thank You
 for taking time to visit
 the residents and
 to learn more about
 The Home!

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Meet Resident Earl Lierly . . .



Earl Lierly was born in 1928 in Illinois, close to the Siloam, Illinois, area where he grew up on the family farm in a log cabin built with logs from the family's saw mill.

He attended a nearby country school and graduated from Clayton High School in 1946. During his senior year a freshman girl caught his eye when they were brought together in vocal music class and school dramas. Their

relationship lasted through one year of college for each of them and several jobs.

When they married in 1950 Earl was farming, and Mary had 17 piano students while working toward a career as a concert pianist. After two glorious years on the family farm, Uncle Sam entered the picture – Earl chose the Air Force.

There he spent his years of duty stateside, most of the time on a base in Louisiana. There were other assignments in Texas, Colorado, Mississippi, and California . . . wife Mary accompanied him to all those bases.

In 1954 the Air Force sent Earl to advanced schooling on a relatively new industry – that of the IBM computer. This career-changing move was enhanced when in 1958, after leaving the Air Force, IBM transferred its young worker to a civilian job at Offutt Air Base south of Omaha.

Earl's career and the location he and Mary would move to were truly set by the dawn of the computer age. He worked for many years as a civilian on the base at Offutt in the office of the Director of Operations, Control Division, at Strategic Air Command (SAC) Headquarters. For his dedicated efforts and valuable accomplishments for the USAF and Defense Department, Earl received many letters and certificates of communication and honors.

While living in Bellevue, Mary taught piano lessons for many years. And it was here that their son, Mark attended and graduated from Bellevue East High School as an accomplished drummer in the school's music program.



In nearly 40 years of work, there were many times when there were "alert days" when no questions were asked by Mary as well as "on-call days" and a hectic schedule which regulated Earl's time and associations.



To celebrate retirement after his many years at SAC, Earl and Mary took trips in their camper with their son Mark and his wife Heidi. The best trip after retirement was catching the trans-Canadian Railroad heading west to Banff where they rented a car and continued on the train west to Vancouver and British Columbia. It reminded them of a trip in 1967 to the World's Fair in Montreal. Their vacations have been the trips of a lifetime.

Unfortunately, son Mark suffered a major stroke six years ago when Earl and Mary were visiting him at his home near Chicago. Mary stayed with Mark and helped him through years of rehabilitation while Earl had to return to Nebraska to handle their affairs here.

Two years ago Earl's health made it advisable that he needed nursing care. Luckily that brought him to The Nebraska Masonic Home. Since they are separated by many miles, Earl and Mary feel blessed that because of Earl's Masonic membership he was able to come to The Masonic Home. Mary describes The Masonic Home as a "wonderful haven of loving care and excellent services of compassionate mercy".

Because of the care that Earl is able to receive at The Masonic Home, Earl and Mary can continue to be sweethearts even after 67 years of marriage. Not a day goes by that these two sweethearts don't talk on the phone. Earl says "She writes a darn good letter too!"

Earl joined Bellevue Lodge No. 325 at the urging of a kind friend and neighbor. What a wonderful decision that was — 54 years ago!

Earl enjoys all the outings at The Masonic Home but one of his recent pleasures was taking The Home's bus to the Cass County Fair. He particularly liked the animals, and most especially the goats and the rabbits! You simply can't take the boy off the farm even after all these years.



Our best wishes to Earl and Mary! 📧

The Many Hats Worn by Dawn Peters . . .



When it comes time for planning exotic vacations, cheering on her beloved Huskers, or enthusiastically supporting The Nebraska Masonic Home, Dawn Peters will take a back seat to no one.

This energetic and happy lady has been with The Home for three years. Dawn is a Registered Nurse

who spends about half her working hours as a Charge Nurse on 12-hour shifts in our 24-hour Nursing Care Center and the other half as The Home's Risk Manager.

Dawn was born in Omaha in 1967 and is a 1985 graduate of Central High. She worked a few business jobs before becoming a certified nursing assistant and this led to her receiving her Registered Nursing accreditation at Metropolitan Community College and eventually to her current position at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Eleven years ago, Dawn was a single mom of two boys, Bud now 20, and Bruce 18, when she met her husband Chris Peters, himself a father of a son. They found they had much in common, particularly spending time in the Old Market "people watching". So one evening while "people watching" Dawn made a proposal of marriage and the two got married, moved to Bellevue and blended their families.

Their Bellevue home, as it turns out is 7.5 miles from The Home and just a hop, step, and a jump by freeway to Chris's job at Google in Council Bluffs.

Spending time together is a priority for the Peters family. This year they have made plans to go to Montego Bay, Jamaica. "It's only 76 days now" Dawn said after scanning her smart phone in August. "Not that

I'm looking forward to it much" she added with a hearty laugh. High on the agenda are parasailing, zip lining and snorkeling! But that's just for starters. Next year to celebrate Dawn's 50th birthday, Dawn, Chris and the



boys are looking forward to another warm tropical location. Stay tuned!

Dawn is a die hard Husker fan. As each Husker game is aired, she is often reminded by the boys "Mom, the windows are open; the neighbors will hear you"!

Dawn has a zest for life and it shows. She is full of compassion for our residents and makes a great first impression with new staff members. Dawn turns a nervous first day on the job for new employees into a great experience. She is a person that you feel comfortable with. Even though her daily tasks include nursing, staff training, orientation and the many other duties of being a risk manager, you can always expect

Dawn to greet you with a great big smile and a cheery hello. She is a positive person who wants residents, families, and staff to all have a great day.

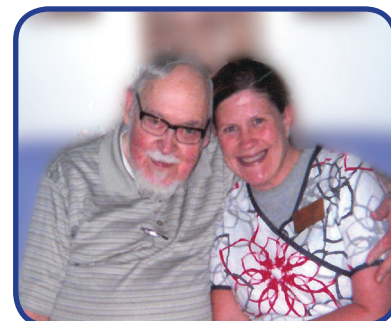


At her home there is always gardening to do, hiking a 4.5 mile trail that begins and ends at home, taking care of the family, and playing with the three dogs . . . Jake, a Jack Russell, Lucy, a Jack Russell/Rat Terrier mix, and Sam, a purebred Chihuahua.



For Dawn Peters, life is never dull. To talk with this ball of energy reminds one of the Auntie Mame character, a lady who is making the most of life.

After our brief August interview she sighed and said "I'm a hugger", and she proved it in an instant. 🕒





Dear Friends,

Do you remember a song from childhood. . . “*The Wheels on the Bus*”? Actually it is an American folksong dated 1939. The words to that song keep rolling around in my head as I’m writing this letter. Why, you might ask? It is **time to replace our 1999 Activity Bus**, and I’m searching for a way to ask you to help us.

The current Activity Bus is a 1999, 15-passenger vehicle. It is used multiple times throughout the week to transport residents on a variety of outings. Many of these outings are to events or tours that must be booked in advance by the Activity Staff and then residents sign up to go on the various trips. For the next month it is already booked for 10 excursions and the month hasn’t even started. The majority of these outings are to locations within the Omaha metro area. However, on occasion they venture farther out to visit museums or points of interest to our residents.

If you are quick with math, you have already realized that our current bus is **17 years old**. I’m guessing most of you don’t try to keep your primary vehicles roadworthy for that many years because at some point it becomes a constant game of “**what needs to be fixed this week?**” We are at that point with this bus. Yes, our Maintenance team is good at getting it fixed once the problem has been identified. The sad part of this story is the number of times our residents have to hear the words “**our trip is cancelled due to a mechanical problem**” or the Activity Staff has to **call in for roadside assistance** because there is a new problem. Neither scenario is fun to endure — no matter who you are — the *disappointed resident* who has been looking forward to this trip or the *frustrated Activity Staff* responsible for the safety and comfort of our residents when taking them on an outing.

A **new 15-passenger activity bus**, with spaces for 4 wheel chairs, a rear and a side door for loading, a chair lift, a navigation system, and a PA system for sharing information while on board **will cost \$72,000**. Because this kind of vehicle is custom made as ordered, it will take 6 months to receive the bus once the order is placed.

As you consider your holiday giving this year ***we are asking for your help in securing the funds to purchase a new bus*** that will make every trip a safer and more confident outing for our residents and the Activity Staff.

Will you PLEASE help us get a new Activity Bus — with wheels that can keep going round and round!!!!

Wishing you and yours a safe and joyful holiday season,



Jo Peters

Foundation Director

P.S. As we enter this holiday season, let us **never forget** the blessings we have all around us. And the privileges we’ve been given as the ones to care for members of The Masonic Family.

P.P.S. Thought you might like to know that **a caring resident has put up the first \$1,000** for our Activity Bus Fund. I hope you will consider making a gift as well!



Donor Spotlight



When asked why he chooses to support The Nebraska Masonic Home:

“It has always been a family thing. My father before me supported The Home. It is an easy way to live up to our obligations for our fellow man.”

-Paul and Donna Eveland
Ames, Nebraska

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THE HOME NEEDS SOME NEW CHRISTMAS TREES . . .



Residents enjoy the twinkling lights and beautiful bulbs adorning the Christmas trees throughout the facility. However, some of our artificial trees have seen better days. We would welcome your help in buying some new trees for our residents to enjoy this Christmas season.

Contact The Foundation Office @ (402) 296-7334 if you would like to donate a tree!

Address Corrections

Please contact Lisa Davis in
The Foundation Office
(402)296-7336 or
ldavis@nemh.net

Thank You

NAME, ADDRESS



Looking for Some Tax Relief

The IRA Charitable Rollover Extension was made permanent as of December 18, 2015. Individuals who are 70 1/2 or older may direct up to \$100,000 per year from their traditional IRA to eligible charitable organizations like The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation without recognizing the assets transferred as income. Visit with your financial consultants to learn more about this option.



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