



# Messages from Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Manor Families

May, 2005

**GREETINGS!** Spring is busting out all over! Well, maybe there's a bit of winter in there, too, with the snowflakes that have been coming down lately (!!!), but we're definitely getting closer to Spring with buds and leaves and flowers showing up! May is a special month for us. May 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> is National Nurses Week, May 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> is National Nursing Home Week, and May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day! May is a time for celebrations and remembering. I hope you enjoy the month! - Blessings to you...Nancy Farnham, Administrator

## Resident Reminiscings: Being a Nurse!

As we celebrate National Nurses' Week, we want to take time to recognize and congratulate three women who live at Maryhill Manor and worked as Registered Nurses for many years. They each have interesting stories to tell and have had a variety of experiences throughout their careers.

**Lillian Savre** is a proud graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing and worked for 9 years at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo. Lillian worked in surgery most of the time. When asked if the blood of the surgery room every bothered her, Lillian said, "Oh no, it was very interesting." Lillian remembers that anytime a doctor walked onto the floor of the hospital, the nurse would immediately stand up. The nurse then would follow the doctor on his rounds and make notes of everything he said. Lillian says she enjoyed taking care of people.

**Elva Redmond Brehm** had always dreamed of being a nurse – ever since she was a kid. Elva lost her husband quite young and, when her children were grown, she decided it was time to fulfill that dream, so she entered nursing school when she was 52 years old! Elva says it was hard getting back to books and studying at that age, but she enjoyed it. She stayed with an older lady for the two years she went to school and they became very close. After graduating from nursing school, Elva went to Shodair, Montana and worked in the hospital there for 15 years. She worked mostly with children in the nursery and in the maternity ward. She remembers delivering babies by herself – "sometimes they just wanted to be born in a hurry". When asked what she liked best about being a nurse, Elva said, "Doing something for somebody else." The only thing Elva didn't like about nursing was that the weather didn't always cooperate. "I lived 7 miles from the hospital and sometimes it was hard to get there because of the weather", she said. Elva says that one of her most memorable nursing experiences was taking care of a teenager who had been underwater for over 7 minutes. When he regained consciousness he couldn't talk at all, but he eventually fully recovered.

**Lorraine Qual** had been interested in nursing ever since the death of her mother when she was a child. Lorraine says she remembered one particular nurse who helped her mother. "She was so nice and kind and loving. I decided I wanted to be a nurse, too." Lorraine was in the Class of 1944 at the old Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis. Lorraine was interested in the idea of serving in the war because her brother was there. She knew there was a great need for nurses overseas, so she joined the Army in 1945. Lorraine was sent to Camp Carson, Colorado in February, 1945 and became one of the "90 day wonders". This name came from completing basic training in 90 days. Lorraine says that she did a lot of marching in basic training and learned to spot the differences in planes, along with other useful information. Lorraine then went to Topeka, Kansas and then on to South Carolina where she went through gas training. On August 5, 1945, the United States dropped the atom bomb on Hiroshima. Shortly after, Lorraine was given orders to ship out to the Philippines to help replace nurses who had been there for awhile. She worked in the 313 tent hospital in Manila, Philippines, which she says was a lot like the unit you saw on the M\*A\*S\*H TV show. Lorraine says there was no shooting close by at the time, but lots of wounded soldiers at their hospital. "We had to get the kids in shape to come back home and we also had Dutch prisoners of war to take care of." Later on, Lorraine served in the Sixth General Hospital which was a big hospital in Manila. After 8 months of service in the Philippines, she returned home and went back to work at the Swedish Hospital. Lorraine later worked as a school nurse at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and then in Moorhead. Lorraine was also was a nurse at the Lisbon Hospital from 1967-1971 and again in 1983 and 1984. Of all her nursing experiences, Lorraine says her most memorable were her work at Manila in the service and the delivery room at the Swedish Hospital. "The delivery room was awesome. It was always wonderful to be there."

## Staff Spotlight: Our Great Nurses!

**Nurses touch lives one person at a time!**

**Thank you to our nurses for the difference they make every day through their commitment, skills and heartfelt care.**

Sheila Bartholomay  
Joan Grage  
Kathy Lovett  
Nancy Nord

Wanda Cavett  
Carla Heacox  
Donna Lund  
Nola Roesler  
Shari Tingley

Dianne Evanson  
Donna Lemer  
Joyce Maasjo  
Lynette Schmitz

We also want to take this opportunity to thank our Medication Aides for their contribution to the nursing care of our residents. Thank you to...

Ammie Bucholz

Mary Gruman

Julie Nord

Nicole Sorenson

## Thank You for your Generous Donation:

\*In memory of Roger Shea by Michael & Carol Sweeney, Harold Deal, Nancy Farnham

\*In memory of Roger Wavra by Nancy Farnham

\*In memory of Alice Phipps by Agnes Ourenhagen

\*In memory of Alice Phipps by Margaret Stefanson (designated for refrigerator for staff lounge)

\*Kathy Hoehouse and Clayton Baasch family for flowers by flag pole

\*St. Paul's WELCA, Kathryn, ND

## For Your Calendar:

May 7<sup>th</sup>: 1:30 Mother's Day Program with Larry Nelson at the piano

May 11<sup>th</sup>: 1:00-3:00 Senior Olympics. Parkside Nursing Home residents will join us for this fun event!

May 12<sup>th</sup>: 7:00p.m. Advanced Health Care Directives Information Night

The information covered will include Durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care, Living Wills, and the changes the N.D. Legislature made to these laws that will take place August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Terry Schiavo case was a dramatic example of the importance of putting our wishes in writing. End of life decisions differ from person to person based on their own beliefs and are very personal decisions. Advanced Health Care Directives help to ensure that our personal wishes will be carried out when we can no longer voice those wishes. Anyone over the age of 18 can put an advanced directive in place. We encourage you to join us on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

May 13<sup>th</sup>: 1:30p.m. Happy Hour with Glenn Douglas entertaining.

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Service by the Enderlin Veterans. Approximately at 10:00a.m. Watch newspaper for details.

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00p.m. until 7:00a.m. Saturday: Relay for Life in Lisbon. Maryhill Manor will have a team participating in this event to raise money for the American Cancer Society. There is always lots of food and fun at this event. Come over and join us for supper and some entertainment. If you would like to make a donation through our team, see Dianne Evanson, Nancy Nord, or Nancy Farnham. Thank you.



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