



# Messages from Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Manor Families

January, 2006

**GREETINGS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!** I hope the coming year will bring you and your family many blessings! Thank you to each one of you who sent flowers, plants, muffins, candy, pizzas, and other goodies for our staff to enjoy over the holidays. We appreciate the kind gestures and the support you give us throughout the year! This Christmas season has been celebrated with much entertainment in all shapes and sizes: we had young piano students performing a recital, grade school children reciting poems and singing carols, church choirs singing, a local pastor telling the Christmas story from the perspective of a shepherd, Joseph DeMasi sharing his lively Christmas tunes, and much more! All these things helped to brighten the season for our residents. But most of all, it was the many visits by family and friends that really made the season special for our residents. We know your loved one is a precious to you, so if there is anything we can ever do differently to make life more comfortable and happy for them, please don't hesitate to let us know! May this New Year give you love in your heart, joy in your labors, and peace of mind.

- Blessings to you...Nancy Farnham, Administrator

## EDUCATION CORNER: Medicare D (again ☺)

**Medicare D:** By the time you receive this newsletter, it will probably be after January 1<sup>st</sup>, the date when Medicare D takes effect. We have been monitoring the onset of this new government program and think that all our residents are ready for this change, with appropriate plans selected to meet their needs. Anyone who is Medicaid eligible can choose a different Medicare D plan every month if they wish, so if you notice a problem with the plan your family member is on (maybe they are not covering a specific drug they need or you are not happy with the plan for some other reason) you can make a change. If you decide to do this, please let us know what plan they are changed to so we can keep good communication going with the pharmacies regarding this. Also, remember that pharmaceuticals (not including over-the-counter drugs) are a non-covered item, meaning they are not included in your daily rate, and all residents are responsible for their drug costs. All residents will be billed by the pharmacy providing their medication for any costs not covered by Medicare D or other insurance plans. Though the government has restricted us, as nursing home providers, in the amount of assistance we can provide to our residents in selecting their plans, we have tried to provide as much help and information as possible to make this a smooth transition for everyone. If you have questions about what plan your family member is on or anything related to it, please contact Lynette Schmitz or Nancy Farnham and we will assist you in any way we can to get the answers you need. Thank you.

## NDLTCA Caregiver Awards:

The North Dakota Long Term Care Association is once again sponsoring Caregiver Awards. Nursing home residents or their family members may nominate someone for this award. Established in 2000, the award provides recognition for any caregiver, including nursing assistants, dietary aides, housekeeping personnel, maintenance staff, etc. All nominees are included in a book that includes a summary of the kind words from the nomination. The person chosen for the award is given a cash prize during the annual NDLTCA Convention in Bismarck. Last year we were honored to have six members of our staff nominated for this award. We hope you will consider making a nomination this year. There are forms posted by the front door at Maryhill or you can call the NDLTCA office at 701-222-0660 or go to their website for more information and forms ([www.ndltca.org](http://www.ndltca.org)). Thank you



*"The years teach much which the days never knew."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Staff Spotlight: 2005 Employee of the Year!

Please help us to congratulate **GLORIA TRAUTMAN** who has been chosen Maryhill Manor's Employee of the Year for 2005! Following are some of the comments made in the nominations submitted for Gloria: "While doing therapy with the residents, she is consistent and encourages them to keep going and go beyond their goals, she visits with them, talks farming and has taken them to the farm...she does a great job setting hair...she is not only good to the residents and their needs, she is an excellent bath aide and restorative care person...the residents like her and trust her with cares...she is all for the residents!" Gloria has worked at Maryhill Manor for 20 years. Please join us in thanking Gloria for all that she does for everyone at Maryhill!

**We also honor the following people for their years of service as of 2005:**

**Three Year Awards:** Missy Lemna, Kathy Lovett, Jessica Sandvik, Nicole Sorenson

**Five Year Awards:** Diann Anderson, Carmen Archbold, Keith Bommersbach

**Ten Year Awards:** Bev Robertson, Shari Tingley

**Fifteen Year Awards:** Marian Anderson, Loy Carter, Mary Gruman, Sharon McKay

**Twenty Year Awards:** Deb Jordet, Arla Kapaun, Gloria Trautman

**Twenty-Five Year Awards:** Shirley Anderson, Phyllis Barnick

*We thank them for their dedication and years of service!*



### *In Our Memories*

In the month of December we lost a special person who had become part of our Maryhill family. We hold on to our memories of her and pray that God will be with her family at this time of loss. We will remember her...

*Alice Stensgard 1910-2005*

## Thank You for your Generous Donations:

Charleen Grothe in memory of Ethel Fernow

Sharon Lutt in memory of Clifford Arnt

Donna Lund in memory of Gertrude Suchla

Jenny Bergstrom

Howard and Dorothy Barlow

Nancy Farnham in memory of Alice Stensgard

## For Your Calendars...Feel Free to Join Us Anytime:

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00. Annual "Service of Remembrance". Those being remembered at this service include *Dora Dick, Alice Phipps, Clara Rasmussen, Roger Shea, Verda Krueger, Vera Green, Elsie Schabow, Stella Mennis, Earl Gibbons, Ethel Fernow, Clifford Arnt, and Alice Stensgard.*

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00. Music with Joseph DeMasi

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30, Happy Hour

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 Monthly Birthday Party with Trinity Church Women

Tuesdays at 9:30, Music with Larry Nelson

*"The older we get, the greater becomes our inclination to give thanks,  
especially heavenward."*

*Martin Buber*

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