

*Windsor Manor*

December 2009

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*Our mission is to provide an atmosphere of respect,  
comfort and grace, where quality of life is of the  
utmost importance.*

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## ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

- 12/02 2:00 Make Tie Lap Blankets for the VA Hospital-act rm
- 12/06 3:15 Movie-"The Philadelphia Story"-dn rm
- 12/08 11:00 Residents Monthly Birthday Party-cake & ice cream  
2:00 Music by Eldred Gerhold-dn rm
- 12/09 9:00 Onsite Hearing w/ Deb Kloster-act rm-  
Public Welcome  
9:30 Residents Meeting with Allen and Allison  
10:30 Staff Meeting with Allen and Allison
- 12/10 9:00 Make Tie Lap Blankets for VA Hospital
- 12/11 6:30 Staff Christmas Party—dn rm
- 12/12 1:00 BINGO with the Jackson Better Farmers 4H Club-dn rm
- 12/14 9:30-10:00 TLC Preschool Children-singing-dn rm  
2:00 Music with Duwayne Aarhus-dn rm
- 12/15 6:30-8:00pm OPEN HOUSE, COOKIES, COCOA AND CAR-  
OLS WITH THE UNION CAROLERS PERFORMANCE AT 7:00-  
Friends, Family All are invited
- 12/16 2:00 Music by Dave and Sue Gates-dn rm
- 12/18 2:00 Residents Christmas Party-Music by Judy Mehlert-dn  
rm



12/20 3:15 Movie-"White Christ-  
mas"-dn rm

12/22 2:00 Making Bread Dough  
Ornaments with Deb-act rm

12/23 2:00 Prize Auction using your  
activity tickets for  
residents



Left- Preschool Kids playing with the rabbit during a visit  
Below—Resident Jean Franklin Holding the rabbit



Above—(l) Jean Franklin assisting @ Dorothy Newton to hold her quilt during a talent show  
Right- Linda and Sharon (daughters of resident Bea Losenicky) performing during our



Above—Resident Gloria McNaughton and TLC preschool student  
Below- resident Maxine Looney with TLC Preschool student Gwen (daughter of Manager—Bethany Clemenson)



## Do You Know?



## Marilyn Ferguson

One of the first residents of Windsor Manor was Marilyn Dawn Powers Ferguson. She was born in Vinton, Iowa, on the east end of town which at that time was called High Point. Born on February 13, 1923, Marilyn was the baby of the family, coming after five brothers. Both of her parents, Lester and Mary Ludden Powers, were also born in Vinton.

Marilyn attended elementary school in Vinton, continuing through Lincoln High School, where she took the offered business course. Yet she still remembers that her favorite teacher was Miss Hach, her kindergarten teacher. Marilyn's first job was at Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, where she worked twenty years before retiring.

On June 20, 1943, Marilyn married Max Ferguson, a car salesman who was so successful at this that he won many trips for them: to Hawaii, the Bahamas (from which they brought a drum and straw hats), the World's Fair in New York, and Puerto Rico. At the beginning of World War II, Max went into the Army Air Corps. He was never sent overseas, but was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, where he served as Crew Chief. Because Marilyn's mother Mary had died in 1941, Marilyn spent more time with her dad.

Max and Marilyn parented three children. Mary, born in 1944, died of a heart attack at the age of 57. Wendy was born in 1948 and Randy in 1952.

The activities Marilyn enjoyed most were cooking for her family and playing golf. She confesses to making a hole in one at the golf course in Vinton.

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### *Who's New...*

We welcome Alvin Lindahl, Bill & Romaine Ehlers, and Irene Ramsey to our Windsor Manor Family. Please introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

### *We bid adieu....*

To Helen Werner, who passed away November 5th—Our sympathies to her family





## Manager Minute...

Happy Holidays! This is such an exciting time of year at Windsor Manor. There are many events going on and we invite you and your family to come out and visit. The building will be beautifully decorated and tours are given anytime.

The staff have drawn names of all residents and will be secretly delivering gifts from Dec 1st through Christmas Day when the Secret Santa will be revealed. This is something we do every year and staff requested to keep doing so...be aware of increased acts of kindness!

We will again be adopting a local family for Christmas, if you would like to help provide Christmas for this family, look for the posting inside Windsor Manor on the bulletin board shortly after Thanksgiving. You can help by making a monetary donation or selecting a family member to shop for. Contact Nancy Schmitz for more information 319-472-2060

On Christmas Day, we will offer a free meal to families and friends. RSVP requested by Thursday, Dec 17th - 3 dining times available (11am, 12pm, 1pm) and seating is limited. Donations are accepted and all proceeds go to the activity fund.

As you visit this Holiday Season, you will notice a new Bird Aviary in what used to be the TV room. This Aviary was a direct request/wish of the residents during an amenity survey earlier this fall. We have made this request a reality! The Aviary was delivered on Nov. 23rd and kept a secret until the unveiling at 6pm that evening. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and we are enjoying these 11 new members of our "Windsor Family" The Aviary kicks off a very special way of Living Life to the Fullest...called Operation Dream Builders. This dream of the Aviary was fulfilled for the residents collectively but in 2010, we plan to make as many individual residents' dreams come true as possible. We've been asking for residents dreams/wishes over the past few months and have quite a collection. If you would like to help with this or know of an unfulfilled dream/wish, please let us know! We are currently looking for someone who owns a plane, an owner of a tractor, and an individual who would take a resident on a ride a few times a week. Windsor Manor is a place full of life and a place for living and that's exactly what were doing! Come help us do something incredible.

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season

*-Bethany*



**This Holiday Season is the perfect time to thank all our families and friends for giving their time and talents and donations.**

**Linda Debus**-many sewing projects, bird feeders and grape jelly, VCR/DVD player and leading sing-a-long on Fridays

**Sharon Carpenter**-sing-a-long books and music, VCR/DVD player and leading sing-a-long on Fridays

**Ann Harrison**-reading to the residents on Thursday and bringing the beautiful wreath that was made and donated by Izaak Walton League

**Jan Franklin**-craft supplies and your time to help out at Windsor Manor over the summer

**Bonnie and Larry Roster**, Duwayne and Laura Aarhus, Barb Riggle, Faye Nolan, **Dave and Sue Gates**, **Judy and Delmer Mehlert**, **Eldred Gerhold and companion**, **Madelyn Duncklee**-the many hours of fabulous music we have enjoyed

**Evelyn Greenwood**-escorting Dorothy on our outings

**The Family of Bea Dunkleberger**-donating the Wii Gaming System

**Jim and Sharon Grams**-donating fleece, Habitat snacks

**Wendy and Al Dunkleberger**-baked goods, Habitat snacks

**If there is anyone we have missed, please know we are so thankful to have you as a part of our Windsor Family.  
You are all Appreciated!**



**Paul's Tid Bit.**

During the Holiday Season, please remember that the Fire Marshall does not allow extension cords as they are a fire hazard.

Please use a metal cased power strip for added outlets. If you need assistance, we'd be happy to order one for you.

-Paul

***Alzheimer's Support Group taking a break.....***The support group for dementia and Alzheimer's caregivers will be taking a break for a few months. These months are typically our "weather months" so rather than take a chance on what Mother Nature might offer, we will resume in April. This does not mean that you can't get support, information or questions answered. I can be reached at 319-573-5605 for any questions or concerns. When we do resume, I want everyone out there who knows someone with dementia and Alzheimer's to think about what questions, concerns, and doubts you have. Also, be thinking of when, how, and where you would like to receive this support. Please feel free to call or email ([scarpe6410@msn.com](mailto:scarpe6410@msn.com)) with this input and then look in the March newsletter about our new spring start-up. Sharon Carpenter

*Linda Eastin*



*Diamond Employee  
of the Month*

The way you come to the aid of  
others is fabulous.  
You are a treasure. Thank You



9th DOROTHY NEWTON

11th IRENE RAMSEY

12th Carol Anderson

18th Beate Hoffman

22nd PHILLIS KULASZEWSKI

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