



Ave Maria Village

SMP Health System

# VILLAGE VOICE



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## Advisory Board chair's gift to name room in future addition

Construction of an addition to Ave Maria Village is still a vision, as we continue to receive gifts to fund Phase One — the first step toward our future. Fund-raising currently focuses on those projects, including a new telephone system for our facility, the remodeling of two bath suites, renovation of the kitchen and replacement of wall coverings throughout the building. The \$400,000 Phase One goal also includes support to recoup \$250,000 that has been lost from projected state funding.

But when building does begin, one of the new private rooms will be named for Dick and Marlys Pieske in honor of their \$10,000. It's the fourth to be underwritten by a major donor.

The Pieskes know Ave Maria Village well. Marlys, who chairs the advisory board, has been a director for 21 years. Much has changed during her tenure, which began in the days when Brent Aberg was administrator of what was then called Central Dakota Village.

Six or seven men have served as chief executive officers during her time. "It has become much more of a family," she observes. "I really like how our CEO, Tim Burchill, plays his accordion for Happy Hour and birthdays. It livens up the place!"

Marlys was the director of nurses and later quality assurance manager at Jamestown Hospital, now Jamestown Regional Medical Center. She has lent her insight as a member of the AMV quality assurance committee. While still at the hospital, she served as its unofficial liaison with Ave Maria, helping with communication and interfacility relationships between the two Jamestown institutions.

Dick, her husband of 51 years, worked for 23 years at First James River National Bank, later renamed First National Bank and now Norwest Bank. After being licensed as a Realtor, he worked for Rueben Liechty Realtors for five years, buying and selling property in the Detroit Lakes, Minn., area.

The Pieskes know Ave Maria well. Two aunts have lived in both the Heritage Centre and Ave Maria. "Their experiences here were very good," she says. Dick's late father also lived in the Heritage Centre.

"Both facilities do excellent work. They're compassionate homes," Marlys adds. That's what inspired the couple to name a room in the future addition with their gift.

"You never know when one of us could need to spend time at Ave Maria," she says, encouraging the community to support its current renovation and expansion campaign. "If that day comes, we certainly want it to be the best that it can be."



**Marlys & Dick Pieske**



## We're moving forward on our renovation project-with phones & bath suites

You might have noticed that you haven't gotten a newsletter from us for a while. At least, I hope you noticed! Our winter newsletter would normally have arrived in your mailbox in January ... but I wanted to be able to have more information to share with you.



Jan Barnes  
Development Director

At the first of the year, we were waiting to see when Ave Maria Village's new telephone system would be ready to go. I was also waiting for word about the new bath suites and how much we'd need to install them. You know how it goes with this kind of project: Hurry up and wait!

Well, now I finally have that information. Workers have started wiring and programming the new telephone system. It shouldn't be long before it's complete. Its cost – your investment – was \$30,938.

2 The contractor working on the two new bath suites tells me that renovations come to \$65,000 each. We will also be buying two new whirlpools, each about \$20,000. He'll remove some of the smaller walls in the present bath suite to expand the shower to accommodate a reclining shower chair. It will improve the experience, making it less claustrophobic for our residents and easier for our bath aids to work with them.

Residents will enjoy a relaxing, enjoyable spa-like experience in the new rooms. They'll be able to enter the tub through the back, making it easier to get in and out. The design is ergonomically correct – more comfortable for both residents and the aides who help them.

Originally we'd planned to do both bath suites at the same time. Since we have received only enough for one,

we'll start there and do the other as funds are available.



So your Village Voice has arrived in your mailbox a little later than normal. When you look at the list of our generous donors on pages 4 and 5, please keep that in mind. The list represents gifts that go all the way back to September, October and November. We'll catch up with more recent months in our spring edition. If you contributed in December or later, we'll be thanking you in the next edition of the Village Voice.

Thank you to all of you who supported our Thanksgiving Appeal, which garnered \$33,693, and for all of your continued memorials and tributes. I am so pleased that we've already received two contributions for our brand new Qualified Endowment Plan, as well as two Thrivent Choice Dollar gifts.

Our Employee Giving Program has exceeded an annual total of \$16,000! We have wonderful employees! Your in-kind gifts have been wonderful, too.

One area that I'd like to work on is to get more people into the Monthly Giving Program. It is so easy to have your bank take out \$20 or \$25 dollars a month and send it to Ave Maria. Once you set it up, you don't have to think about it anymore. The other is to name a room in the new addition for \$10,000. We have named four rooms thus far. You can name it for yourself, for a loved one, in memory of someone or your business. Please contact me if you are interested and I'll work with you on it.

Thank you for all you've done and continue to do for our beloved residents. We want to do everything we can to enhance our residents' lives here. We love them dearly!

From the residents and staff alike ... happy Easter!

Jan Barnes, Development Director

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## Give a Gift in Honor or in Memory of a Friend or Loved One

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_ to Ave Maria Village.

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(Name of person to be memorialized)

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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*Mail this request form and your gift to:*

Attention: Jan Barnes  
Ave Maria Village  
501 19th St. NE  
Jamestown, ND 58401



## Grand-, great- & great-great-grandma Lillian Salisbury enjoys life at Ave Maria

Lillian and Harry Salisbury loved to dance. “It was one of life’s great joys,” she reminisces. “We went to the Elks Club in Valley City every Saturday night.”

Those weekly dates — often dancing to the music of Myron Sommerfeld — are one of the memories she holds dearest as she looks back at her long, busy life.

Now a resident of Ave Maria Village, Lillian will celebrate her 98th birthday on May 20. She was born into a family of 14 children on a farm near Minnewaukan in 1919. “We slept four in a bed — sometimes more,” she remembers.

Her brother Gordon introduced her to the love of her life, his friend Harry, who lived on a farm by the nearby village of Brinsmade. Their courtship was picturesque by modern standards, often spent riding horses across the prairie.

Both Harry and Lillian were education majors at Mayville State Teachers College when they decided to marry. They eloped on Aug. 3, 1942, catching the Great Northern train to Crookston, Minn., where they were married in the courthouse.

Then Harry went off to war. He was stationed in Germany for the duration of World War II. While he was overseas, Lillian taught in a one-room country school near Devils Lake. She handled students in all eight grades, living in one room at the back of the schoolhouse.

After Harry’s discharge, they both taught school in Hillsboro, Cooperstown, Hallock (Minn.) and Valley City. She took time off to raise their four daughters, instead pursuing her avid interest in sewing. “I made all the girls’ clothes,” she says. She also loved cooking and playing whist.

They had four girls: Bonnie, the oldest, and her husband Joe Kroeber have three children and live in Jamestown.

Claudia, husband Mark Jacobson have two. They live at Spiritwood Lake.

Kristi and husband Ron Brovold, who have three children, live in Fargo.

Youngest daughter Wendy passed away at age 48 after a stroke. She had two children.

All together, the Salisbury brood also includes 13

grandchildren, 22 great-children and two great-grandchildren.

Harry and Lillian, still dancing every week, had celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary by the time he passed away in 2008. Lillian remained at their last residence at Edgewood Vista in Fargo, until November 2015, when she moved to Ave Maria to be closer to more of her family.

Daughter Claudia, who serves on the Ave Maria Advisory Board, says, “Mom is so much happier here. She is not as confused as she used to be, and she smiles much more.

“My sisters and I are so pleased with the care Mom gets. She couldn’t get over her first Christmas here.

She told us, ‘I’ve only been here a month ... and I got presents!’”

Claudia says Lillian loves Ave Maria’s Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for residents and their families. “It’s just like old times, with Mom enjoying a holiday dinner with family. It makes them all feel happy to be together over a great meal.”

Lillian loves Bingo. Visitors can’t miss her prized jar of quarters when they visit her room — all from her Bingo winnings. She takes part in most of the activities planned for Ave Maria residents. Her favorite so far? That was when Mark and Joan Gehlhar brought their wagon and team of horses to take residents for a ride ... bringing up many memories from her childhood.

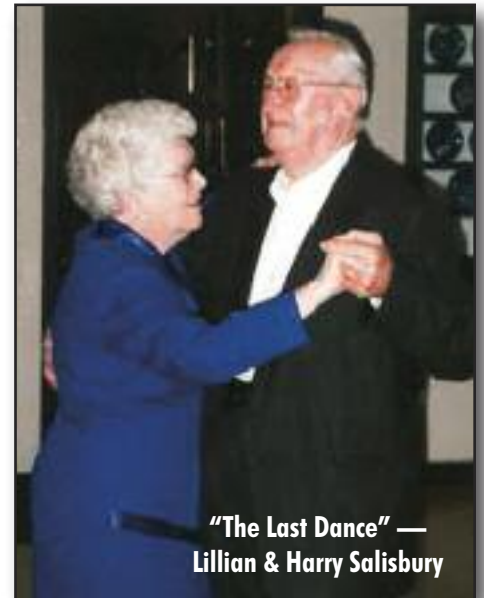
Asked what she likes best about living at Ave Maria, Lillian doesn’t hesitate: “I like the food.

“I like to go to church services in the chapel,” she continues. “And I really like getting my hair done and my nails painted.

“Everyone here just treats you very good.”



**Lillian Salisbury**





# Gifts and Tributes

September–November 2016

## Capital Campaign

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Lisa & Doug Hicks

## Hour Club

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Jan Barnes  
Roberta Bohl  
Jodi Bunde  
Cassie Carter  
Jane Christensen  
Mark Curtis  
Rachel Dockter  
Sarah Eppen  
Sarah Frieze  
Linda Fuchs  
Johni Garrett-Overby  
Sharyln Geerdes  
Tex Geerdes  
Kristi Gerszewski  
Cecelia Glinz  
Deb Greenstein  
Nichole Greenstein  
Missy Hase  
Darlene Hass  
Becky Heglund  
Laci Hutcheson  
Claudia Holm  
Sue Johnson  
Krystyl Kimmes  
Alexis Kleven  
Debra Koebernick  
Gary Koebernick  
Marilyn Lobsinger  
Michele Lunder  
Kathy Lutz  
Paula Moore  
Robyn Nething  
Heather Oster  
Janeane Otto  
Shirleen Pettet  
Sue Purdy  
Jennifer Quam  
Doreen Reister  
Jaden Rode  
Kim Ryan  
Alyssa Sanders  
Jeanine Schmidt  
Caroline Scholand  
Raelene Schuh  
Amie Schultz  
Lenore Seitz  
Marilyn Sheets  
Rich Sky

Deb Steckler  
Annie Strickland  
Deacon Ken Votava  
Paulette Webb  
Donna Wiberg  
Angie Widmer  
Peggy Widmer  
Natasha Winstead  
Billi Zupan

## In-Kind Gifts

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**2 Housecoats**  
Janet Hendrickson  
**32" Flat Screen TV**  
Ken & Pam Daugs  
**Calendars & Cards**  
Dale & Noreen Knudson  
**Catheters & Pads**  
Karen Keller  
**Christmas Cards**  
Glenn Johnson  
**Fern**  
Ollie & Loretta Jung  
**Gaither Gospel Videos**  
Mary O'Meara  
**Hangers**  
Maris Thompson  
**Homemade Necklaces for Residents**  
Arlo Schmidt  
**Men's Clothing**  
Mary O'Meara  
**Nora Roberts Cassettes**  
Deidra Brown  
**Piano**  
The Rental Store

**Puzzles**  
Yvonne Wibstad  
**Puzzles & Game**  
James & Angela Madsen

**Seat Walker**  
Maris Thompson  
**Travel Wheelchair**  
Ken & Pam Daugs  
**Various Craft Items**  
Barb Srozinski  
**Various Quilted Items**  
Trish Greenwood  
**Walker**  
The Rental Store  
**Wheelchair**  
The Rental Store

**Wreath**  
Country Gardens

## Monthly Giving Program

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Sharon Falk

## Phase I-Private Room Campaign

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Anonymous  
Phyllis Ibes  
Land O'Lakes, Inc. Foundation  
Rod & Judy Olin  
Sons of Norway

*In Memory of:*  
**John Balster**  
Jack & Karen Lueck  
Gregg & Tracy Schweitzer  
**Doug Beckman**  
Patti DeBuck  
**Joan Cysewski**  
Eugene Cysewski  
**Mike Deutscher**  
Lawrence Ebel  
Lucille Mayer  
**Marion Drenth**  
Grace Walz



**Chester Giese**

Larry Junker

**Darlene Giger**

Ardelle Loose

**Gertrude Guenther**

Gerald Guenther

Michele Lunder

**Sadie Hagan**

Bob & Alma Lulay

Gregg & Tracy Schweitzer

Ole & Sherry Syverson

Bryan & Peggy Widmer

**Erna Headland**

Michele Lunder

**Leroy Job**

Elmo & Ardina Bentz

**Lorraine Kaseman**

Bryan & Peggy Widmer

**Selma Martinson**

Ardelle Loose

**Fergus McCleary**

Murray & Edna Schrader

**John O'Meara**

Marlyn Domek

**Harold Rene**

Mark & Claudia Jacobson

**Verla Schmidt**

Ardelle Loose

**Donald "Kyd" Schrader**

Murray & Edna Schrader

**Renee Schulz**

Grace Walz

Bryan & Peggy Widmer

**Gertrude Smith**

Nels & Ilene Albin

Randy & Lisa Blaskowski

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Elizabeth Daugs

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Marlyn Domek

June Ernie

Bob & Nora Moran

Grace Ottmar

Bryan & Peggy Widmer

Rod & Sandy Wilhelm

**James Traiser**

Patti DeBuck

Frank & Marvel Fischer

Curt & Darlene Goehner

Kirk & Debbie Heim

Reuben & Clarice Liechty

Ronald Qual

**Kenneth Wegenke**

Elmo & Ardina Bentz

**Mona Williams**

Robert & Karla Ibes

James & Angela Madsen

Mary Trautman

*In Honor of:*

**Anita Schmidt**

Arlyn & Sourey Schmidt & Family

**Naming Private Rooms-\$10,000**

Richard & Marlys Pieske

**Qualified Endowment Fund**

Anonymous

**Resident Memorial Plaque-\$250**

*In Memory of:*

**Mike Himmelspach**

Himmelspach Family

**Viola Himmelspach**

Himmelspach Family

**Thanksgiving Appeal 2016**

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Arla Anderson

**Vincent Anderson**

Arla Anderson

**Troy Bentz**

Bryan & Peggy Widmer

**Laverne Carlson**

Shannon Bacon

**Marion Drenth**

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**Friends**

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**Phyllis Hochhalter**

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Jennifer Peplinski

**Lillian Keller**

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**Francis Orr**

Doris Orr

**Our Parents**

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Myron & Gertrude Pryor

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Donald & Marie Olson

**Gilford Tompkins**

Donna Tompkins

**Arthur Vogel**

Irene Vogel

*In Honor of:*

**AMV Employees & Volunteers**

Jerry & Marge Patterson

**AMV Residents**

Paul & Julie Rokke

Please consider including a bequest to Ave Maria Village in your will.



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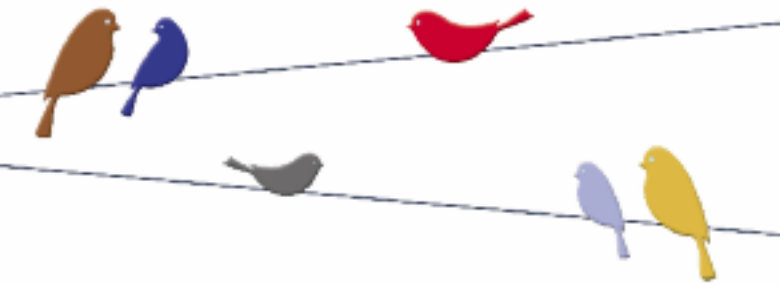
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## Sweethearts Luncheon

Residents and their sweethearts celebrated  
Valentine's Day together at our annual  
luncheon February 14.

The Heritage Centre honored King Glyndon  
White and Queen Ruth Jenner *(top photo)*.

Ave Maria Village honored King Marvin  
(Bubbles) Lorig and Queen Evelyn Kruse.