



Bus driver Gary Koebernick gives residents a warm welcome ... & warm ride

When residents board the Ave Maria Village bus in the frigid months to come, they can count on the same warm welcome bus driver Gary Koebernick has always offered them — and a ride on a warm bus.

That wasn't the case five years ago, when Gary began to ferry Ave Maria Village and Heritage Centre residents from our grounds to medical appointments, to the hospital, to the bank and on other errands.

"Those poor residents!" he reminisces. "They used to be taken out the north door and had to fight the frigid north wind as they boarded. They were so wrapped up to stay warm that all you could see was coats, scarves, mittens and hats under the blankets that staff wrapped around them."

He'd start the bus and leave it running outdoors for three or four hours to get it warmed up to a reasonable level. When rain was falling, he'd try to cover them with an umbrella as they were wheeled to the bus — a futile challenge when their chairs were being raised on the lift.

You never really appreciate the gift of having a garage until you've gone without for decades. Now, thanks to Ave Maria Village's successful Capital Campaign, the new Transport Center resolves problems of open-air parking.

"Residents comment on how wonderful it is to get on and off the bus in a nice, warm garage," Gary reports. "They're dry and warm and just as happy as can be. The bus is warm when they get on, and the ride is comfortable."

A farm boy from Sanborn, North Dakota, Gary is at home at the wheel of everything from tractors and trucks to his beloved motorcycle. After graduating from North Central High School (now Barnes County North), he worked as a diesel mechanic before moving on to become a "Culligan Man," then a certified nursing assistant at the

State Hospital. He joined Ave Maria Village in that role in 2006 before taking over bus-driving duties five years ago.

He's a familiar figure to Ave Maria and Heritage Centre residents ... so well known, in fact, that his wife Deb, despite being a nurse manager here, is widely known as "the bus driver's wife."



Bus driver Gary Koebernick

She shares his passion for motorcycles, too. Recently they rode to Florida, across to Texas, up through Colorado and then back home through the Dakotas, a two-wheeler journey of 5,400 miles. Gary also takes part in many charitable group rides.

Gary and Deb, who've been married 27 years, have two children and a grandson who's the apple of their eye. Seven-year-old Jacob loves to help Grandpa with chores

like mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, hauling grass to the baler and ... oh, yes, ... keeping Gramps company on "short" three-hour motorcycle rides.

The new Transport Center makes Gary's life easier in ways the residents rarely see, too. "It's much easier to keep the bus clean and do the safety checks indoors," he notes. "Tire temperatures are even, so you can get a much better reading. I can actually walk around and check the signal lights without chipping off the frost, and make sure everything is in working order before we take off."

He loves driving the bus. "I like being out in public with our residents. I've met so many new friends at the clinics, hospital, banks and other businesses."

He adds, "Building this Transport Center is one of the best investments that Ave Maria could have made for ensuring the comfort and safety of our residents. It's great for my passengers and the volunteers and staff who sometimes accompany them.

"That makes me very happy."



Jan Barnes
Development Director

November & December are biggest, busiest time of year for Ave Maria ... bringing us closer and closer to our goal

The last quarter of the year is upon us! This is traditionally the busiest time of year in Ave Maria Village's Development Department. After a fun and successful summer and fall, we're coming upon the two biggest projects of the year.

Thanks to you, our latest fund-raising events have been a rousing success. The volunteers served up dozens of delicious slices during our Pie Social in July. Our inaugural fun walk August 1 drew a good crowd of walkers and their supporters. Brunch at the Knights of Columbus was a tasty hit ... and we're still smiling at the family-friendly humor of our comedian, C. Willy Myles, just last month.

All told, these events have whittled the balance between us and our capital campaign's goal to just \$99,000. We're hoping that November and December will bring us much closer!

Our Thanksgiving Appeal is the year's largest opportunity for friends and family to share their gratitude for the Lord's blessings with the residents of Ave Maria Village. Last year's mail campaign topped \$35,000. We've added 250 friends to our mailing list since then ... so we're hoping for even greater things next month.

Remember, there are many options as to how to give. You can give an outright gift, a gift of grain, a gift of Choice dollars from Thrivent or a gift from your IRA. These are all very simple ways of giving, and they can help you on your taxes at the same time. Please do whatever is right for you and your situation.

Then a highlight of our volunteers' year comes up on Friday, December 4. It's the annual Volunteer Holiday Bazaar — a great day for checking some names off your holiday gift list! The Barthel Room will be packed with all kinds of homemade and handmade goodness: baked goods, of course, as well as baskets, scarves, jewelry, Christmas decorations and clever home decor. Mark your calendar! The bazaar gets bigger and better every year ... and you will not want to miss it.

I truly appreciate every single gift you've shared this year ... no matter what the size. Your memorials and honor gifts, as well as other participation in our events, reflect your commitment to compassion and your generosity to our residents. Our sole goal is to make sure they are happy, comfortable and safe — to make their lives the best they can possibly be. We cannot do it without you, our wonderful friends. Thank you!

— *Jan Barnes, Development Director*
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Capital Campaign

**Ave Maria Village's
Capital Campaign is
on track!**

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Ave Maria Village
501 19th St. NE
Jamestown, ND 58401**



Resident Beth Nuetzman is independent & always on the go

Beth Nuetzman may be the busiest woman at Ave Maria Village. Born with cerebral palsy, she has faced many surgeries and health challenges. The dynamic 58-year-old has overcome them again and again throughout her life — achievements that have led to civic recognition both in Grand Forks, where she lived for many years, and here in Jamestown.

Born in Fargo, Beth attended public school until her freshman year in high school. That was when she underwent two orthopedic surgical procedures on her legs intended to ease her pain and help her walk better.

During that year, she worked with a teacher in her home. Then, as a junior, she enrolled at the Crippled Children’s School (now Anne Carlsen Center). She graduated in 1975.

Her next stop was in Devils Lake, where Beth earned her associate’s degree at Lake Region Junior College. She went on to the University of North Dakota, graduating with a degree in social work in 1980.

Her first professional position was with the Grand Forks Air Force Base Fire Department. She spent eight years working as senior dispatcher. During that time, she received an award as “outstanding handicapped employee” for strategic air command. “We had a big fire on the base. They thought I managed it very well,” she remembers.

She was also named Outstanding Handicapped Employee by the city of Grand Forks.

Beth returned to UND for advanced study in counseling. After receiving her master’s degree in 1990, she returned to Jamestown and a job as a social worker at the State Hospital.

She once again was named Outstanding Handicapped Employee — this time by the city of Jamestown in 1990.

“After nine years, I was forced to retire due to health concerns,” she says. “I just didn’t have the stamina to work full-time any more.”

Beth spent periods at Ave Maria Village three times before becoming a permanent resident. “I’d get sick and come here to get my strength back,” she explains. “Jason and everyone who works in therapy are wonderful!”

On April 30, 2014, she came back to make it her home.

“I like that all my needs are now taken care of. I don’t have to worry about anything,” she says. “I feel safe, and I really enjoy the people here.

“I’m still very independent. I go out to lunch with friends, get my nails done every month, and go downtown to First United Methodist Church each week. I still do my own things.”

She loves to embroider, with pillow cases, a baby quilt and dish towels to her credit. Since moving to Ave Maria, her needlework has won her three ribbons at the Stutsman



County Fair.

“I don’t keep anything I make,” she confides. “They all are presents for my friends.”

She enjoys playing cards with her friends here — spoons, Polish poker, Shanghai and gin gin. She also enjoys Hoy, and she has participated in the Arts for Life project.

One of her fondest memories is a trip planned for her by the Day Dream Team: “They took me on a trip to Target Field to watch my beloved Minnesota Twins. That was fabulous! I appreciated it so much.”

Since she’s much younger than most of her Ave Maria neighbors, Beth tends to gravitate toward some of the employees who are closer to her age ... “though I also love the older residents dearly.”

Her staff friends sometimes drive her on errands in her van — Walmart and Applebee’s, perhaps, or even to the homecoming football game in Valley City. She adds, “They are all so good to me.”

Over the years, Beth has spent time recuperating from surgery in several Minneapolis nursing homes. It gives her a basis for evaluating Ave Maria ... and her Jamestown home fares very well.

“Compared to the others, Ave Maria is quite exceptional,” she says.

“This is my home now. I think everyone should feel comfortable about living here when the time comes in their life. It is a great place!”



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June – August 2015

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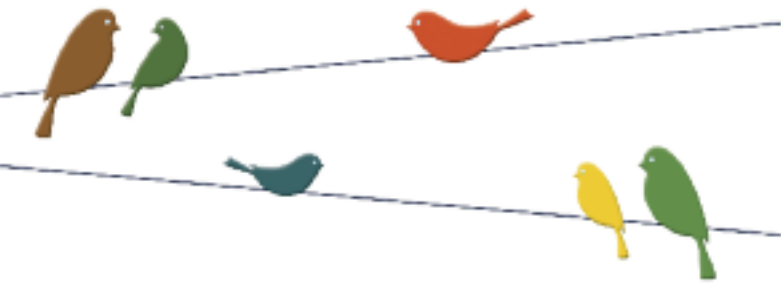
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