



Barthell Order of the Eastern Star Home

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Upcoming Events...

ANNUAL SUMMER POTLUCK

THE EASTERN STAR NURSING HOME AND THE ARLIN FALCK ASSISTED LIVING WILL HOST OUR ANNUAL FAMILY POTLUCK ON AUGUST 29th AT 12:00. THE MASONS FROM THE GREAT LIGHTS LODGE OF DECORAH WILL BE GRILLING HAMBURGERS AND BRATS. THE KITCHEN WILL BE SERVING POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS, SAURKRAUT, AND WATERMELON. COFFEE, MILK, AND LEMONADE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 563-382-8787.

Note from the Administrator



We are so very thankful for all the volunteers and community support we receive and for the great support from our Eastern Star and Masonic members. Our Plant/Garden Sale on June 13, 2010, raised over \$3,500 which is enough to pay off our snow plow for our new tractor that was recently obtained with donation money. Special thanks to Mae Schmitt, our Activity Director and her husband, Tom for their help in the success of this project. The benefit of support for the activities of our residents allows us to optimize the quality of care provided to each of our residents each step in their journey of life. Our Barthell OES Home is truly a homelike environment but it never replaces one's true home. We are so proud of each of the staff members who work here in the loving care they provide.

We are also thankful for a recently received estate gift that will provide us a new emergency generator. Our old one has been with us for over forty years and the local power grid became overloaded at least once this summer and we depended on it for a few hours to sustain us. We discovered some challenges and our plans for replacement were advanced and will be completed this fall.

The transitions of life can be challenging and one of the roles we play is facilitating those transitions while minimizing the traumas. The beauty of having multiple steps for transitions is the ease of graduating from Independent to Assisted to Nursing Home living and back again as opposed to moving to multiple locations in different steps without awareness in advance of where one is going. We work in a tightly regulated environment and within the regulatory framework to optimize safety and care for our residents. If anyone has questions about the process in this journey, we have many years of expertise available to come to speak to your group and answer questions. If interested in talking further of this idea, please do not hesitate to contact our social worker: Sally Ripple M.S.W. or myself: Karl Jacobsen at: 563-382-8787.

Our new newsletter is paying for itself in savings with significant cost reduction obtained in returned postage being reduced. We would again encourage anyone who is moving to send us an address change in advance by email to: Barthelloeshome@yahoo.com or to: Newsletter, 911 Ridgewood Drive, Decorah, Ia. 52101. You also can download the newsletter from our website at www.barthelloeshome.com.

The Great Lodge #181 Masons invite you to the picnic/cookout/potluck on Sunday August 29, 2010. As family and friends, we encourage all to come and share a great time.

Thank you for your ongoing support in providing top line care for our residents!

Karl Jacobsen R.N.
Administrator

Thought for the day: "If one really loves nature, one can find beauty everywhere." ~Vincent Van Gogh