



# Spotlight

Robert Russell Eastern Star Masonic  
Retirement Community Newsletter  
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Winter 2012

## Have a Grand 2012!



# Looking to a Bright Future

Happy New Year! As I am writing this article just three months into my term as president of the Board of Trustees, I am reminded of my goal to look more towards the future of the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community (ESMRC) and less towards the past. This board will only be successful if everyone continues to work together as a Masonic Family in supporting ESMRC, the residents and staff.

The volunteer hours from youth groups have continued to increase. I believe that this is the key to the future.

Ridgeline Management continues to manage the facility with efficiency and compassion, keeping financial data in the black. Their employees keep residents and staff positive and engaged.

Pati Sawyer Boex has been successful in setting up annual events to showcase the community. She continues to work with the Fraternal Relations Committee to involve the membership in community activities.

The website is a great resource for the schedule of events, delegate meeting minutes and all you would like to know about ESMRC. Check it out on

Facebook as well. You'll see photos from the most recent events at ESMRC. This is updated frequently after each event.

I would especially encourage the Chapter and Lodge delegates to attend monthly meetings and to share the happenings of ESMRC with your Chapters and Lodges on a monthly basis. If you can't make the meetings, make sure to pull up the minutes before your meetings. Then you can update your Chapter or Lodge as to the events and happenings at ESMRC.

Our Long Range Planning Committee has been busy over the past year exploring options for the community. They will be meeting again in January to go over the Master Plan and the financial legitimacy of moving forward with expansion and renovation plans.

The Bylaws Committee is working on updating the current Bylaws and Procedures. It will be submitting changes for the delegates to approve throughout the year.

My heartfelt thanks to all volunteers for the hours spent with residents. Thanks to donors for all money donations and the wonderful items you con-

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# Update on Board of Trustees

Front row from left: Janet Malara (recording secretary), Tammy Oldson (president), Lynda Wingate (treasurer), Karen Karns (vice present)



Back row from left: Rick Haskell, Janet Nelson, Gary Malara, Ashley Buss, Terry Hudson and Randy Penn (secretary)



## Ashley Buss (left)

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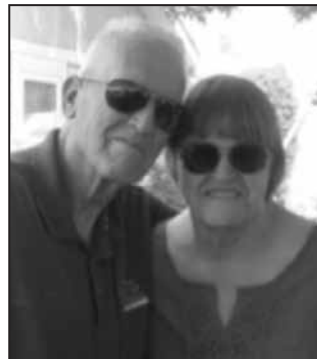
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## Janet Nelson

(right) is a 25-year member of Lakewood Chapter No. 139, OES, now affiliated with Mt. Zion No. 133. She is currently District Deputy of the Denver area, I.O.R.G.

She is widowed with four children, nine grandchildren. She still counts on the great grands!

Janet is retired from the work force with a background in administration/banking.



Retiring members of the Board of Trustees: Art Moore (with wife Louisa) and Margaret Benton.

## Future...from page 2

tinue to donate. Thank you also to the Chapters, Lodges and members who have adopted a resident and remembered them throughout the year with cards and special request items.

May the New Year find you with a renewed spirit of hope and loving kindness for all that you meet along your journey.

**Fraternally,  
Tammy Oldson,  
Board of Trustees President**



Above: Bruce Thompson has volunteered at the Home once a month for over a year at the wine and cheese parties. The residents LOVE Bruce and can't wait for him to entertain every month.



## Another Special Holiday

The residents of the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community were blessed again this holiday season by members of the Royal Arch No. 2 who adopted the home for a second year in a row to fulfill residents' Christmas wishes. They were joined this year by Oriental Lodge No. 87. Both lodges were given a list. Then, out of nowhere, Santa's elves were calling from other lodges who heard about residents' wishes.

The next thing you know, Denver 5, Knights of St. Andrews and Albert Pike Lodge No. 117 were sending in donations and gifts. Many people called, wanting to make sure that everyone's wish was fulfilled. The generosity that poured in from all over the state this Christmas season brought such happiness. Those who were here last year, and remembered, were so excited. They kept asking when Santa was coming. The looks on residents' faces when the gifts were handed out were often better than my own kids on Christmas morning. The gifts ranged from gum to a CD player, new pants and licorice to a specific dress and lots of socks and hankies. The generosity and love that the Home experienced this Christmas was overwhelming.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank everyone who made this Christmas so wonderful.

– Pati Sawyer Boex

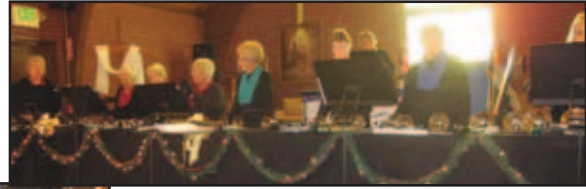
Left: Residents enjoy Broncos game.



Above: Grand Organist Jeff Brothers volunteered regularly. His talented fingers just dance over the piano keys.



# For the Holidays — There is Music!



*Above: St. Andrews Bell Choir performed their Holiday concert.*



*Above: Party for residents 90 years old or more includes (from left) Susan, Milton, Ruby and Rose*



*Above: Heritage Eagle Bend Chorale performed their Patriotic program for Veterans Day.*



*Above: Rainbow girls from Littleton Assembly No. 5 help deck the halls of the Home. Glen English from "It's a Wonderful World" Grand Family lent his talents to decorating for the holidays.*



*Above: Residents went to our local fire house and brought them donuts as a thank you for their services, not only to ESMRC Home, but the entire community.*



*Left: Members of Dawn Chapter 125 made quilts for each resident at Christmas, leaving one on the bed for each resident. They were so thoughtful to hand out quilts that matched each rooms décor.*



# Deciphering Senior Living Terminology

When answering questions from seniors over the years, and talking to seniors about the different types of senior living environments and what care is offered, I have found it is always good to talk about what these terms mean. Providing care for seniors has exploded over the last 20 years. Today, there are many types of living environments and care that a family can choose from to make sure their loved one is receiving the right type of services in the appropriate living environment. With assistance from *Senior-Living.net*, here are some helpful definitions of senior care below:

**Independent Living** can range from 55+ apartment communities to cottage-style homes in a retirement village. It is a senior living option for those individuals who are 55 years and older, able to perform their own basic activities of daily living (ADLs) and need little or no medical assistance. Independent living communities are designed to help older adults maintain their independence, while recognizing that they are aging in living environments specifically designed for them. They are typically looking for social, educational and recreational opportunities to enrich their lives. They are also looking for a lifestyle free from the worries of home maintenance, housekeeping, meal preparation and transportation. Their need for security often motivates a move to a congregate senior community that offers not only a physically safer environment, but emotional security as well. The cost of independent rental living in Denver ranges from \$675 for government subsidized housing to over \$3,500 for independent cottage-style homes.

**Assisted Living** communities are designed to provide senior residents, who are in need of assistance, with basic daily tasks such as bathing, grooming, dressing, escort to meals and activities. Usually this individual is no longer able to live on his/her own independently. Managing the resident's medications and providing incontinence care is provided as necessary. These communities offer a more home-like atmosphere with apartment-style living that typically includes studio or one-bedroom models. Residents do not have to worry about daily responsibilities, and can concentrate on enriching their social environment through a variety of life enrichment programs. Some communities also offer special, secured neighborhoods for those who have memory issues, need personal care assistance or tend to wander.

Assisted living residents are usually seniors who have declined in health and are experiencing memory issues, mobility issues or are struggling with some of the activities of daily living, meal preparation and housekeeping. Staff, available 24 hours/7 days, may assist residents for a few hours each day to meet their ongoing needs. Statistically the most common resident of an assisted living community is a female in her mid-80s. Assisted living can be paid either privately or with the assistance of Medicaid for those who have depleted their financial resources. The cost of assisted living in Denver ranges from \$1,600 to \$6,000 depending on the community.

**Skilled Nursing Care** communities are commonly referred to as skilled nursing facilities, rehab centers or nursing homes. This setting is for seniors who need either long-term skilled care or skilled nursing and rehabilitation services. This level of care provides complex medical care for patients who have had an injury, acute illness, or surgery. In addition, skilled nursing facilities also care for older adults who need around the clock skilled care, and need the supervision of medical staff for safety. Residents live in a private or shared room. Some have private bathrooms. Skilled nursing care is paid by Medicare (Part A) for a period of time after a three-night stay at the hospital, Then the resident transitions to private pay. Once again, those who have depleted their financial resources may get Medicaid to pay for skilled care, if the resident qualifies financially and functionally. The cost of skilled care in Denver is approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 per month.

**Continuing Care Retirement Communities** (CCRC) offer senior residents a full spectrum of care from independent living to assisted living to skilled nursing care, all on one campus. Residents have peace of mind because, regardless the level of care they may need in the future, it is available without a major move. Residents may take advantage of amenities and life enrichment programs for as long as they are still active and independent. As residents begin to age and need more care and assistance, they move through the levels of care the CCRC offers without having to shop for care with each change in health condition. Most CCRCs are strictly private pay. Most have entrance fees with some portion of the fee being refundable. Residents are charged a monthly rental fee that can range from \$3,500 to \$6,000 per month.

**Memory Care Communities** are for those seniors who need a secured environment due to memory, behavioral and/or wandering issues. In these communities, residents receive daily care assistance, have a set routine so that they feel safe and have predictable activities throughout the day. There is also more one-on-one care in this setting because residents usually struggle with daily living activities, may have incontinence and are frequently confused. Activities are geared to accommodate individuals with severe memory loss. Staff is trained to deal with specific behaviors dealing with memory issues. Memory care communities are almost entirely private pay, and run anywhere from \$4,000 to \$7,000 per month.

**Home Health Services** are used when the individual can live at home, but needs some help with bathing, medication reminders, meals, light house-keeping, shopping, errands and anything else. There are two kinds of home health services. The first is considered non-medical assistance. The second offers more skilled nursing care — occupational and/or physical rehabilitation, diabetic care management, wound care, infusions and other services that require a licensed medical professional to administer. Some home health services are covered under Medicare if services are being provided after a medical event or hospitalization and are designated rehabilitation. Eventually, Medicare ends. Services are then provided

ed on a private pay basis. For low income individuals, Medicaid will provide ongoing home health services to those who qualify. The typical cost of home health services is \$24 to \$75 per hour, depending on what services are needed and provided.

**Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community** (ESMRC) offers both independent and assisted living programs, located in Southeast Denver on a 19-acre campus. Both programs are for seniors 55 years and older. For independent seniors, the community has duplex patio homes with a maintenance free life style, at a modest monthly rental rate that does not require an entrance fee or a long-term commitment. For those seniors requiring assisted living, ESMRC offers a licensed program, complete with different levels of care, medication management, staff assistance available 24 hours per day, a full dietary program and a life enrichment program — at a modest price. The assisted living program is certified as a Medicaid provider. Some residents may be paying privately.

If it has been a while since you have visited ESMRC, or if you have not been to the campus, take a moment to schedule a visit or come by during an event. Take a look around: I would be proud to show you this wonderful community.

– **Diane Martini**  
**Director of Marketing**  
**303-753-2179**

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## One Couple's Story

Changes! How many folks resist changes in life? Especially large changes? Well, the Sonksens did not resist! Les and Beverly lived in Pueblo, Colorado, for almost 60 years. There they raised a family of four children. Both were involved in church and community activities. They both retired as teachers from the Pueblo Public School system — Bev was a third grade instructor; Les was a business education instructor in high school and community college.

Bev's health issues were becoming worse due to a serious stroke. Moving from a cane to a walker, she realized that a wheelchair would be next. They both were aware of the excellent residential care — the professional wellness folks — at ESMRC for the last 50 years, because both are 50-year members of the Lodge and Star.

When they learned that a one-bedroom apartment was available when visiting this past September while attending the Grand Eastern Star Sessions, they arranged a visit immediately with marketing. They made the commitment, changed their lives, and moved in Nov. 4.

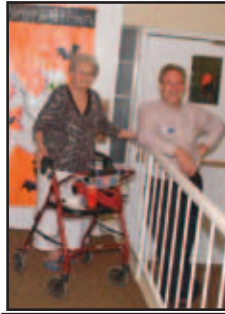
They have become well acclimated to the daily schedule, the events and activities that are provided. Les and Bev both give credit to the dedicated staff members. They also enjoy the more frequent visits now of their three married daughters, who live 12 minutes away compared to a two-hour drive previously. Other welcome visitors are four grandsons, a married granddaughter, and two great grandchildren.

Les and Bev decided not to fight “changes” and just go with the flow of the quality life the Center is providing.

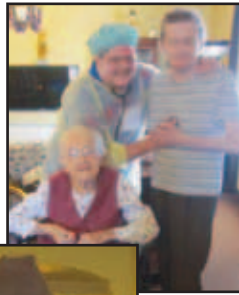
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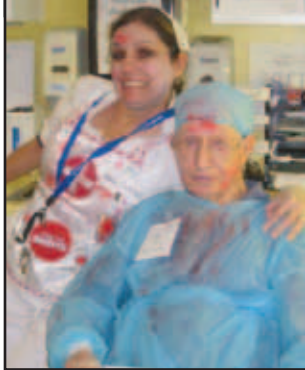
Left: Angel



Left: Executive Director Larry Lillo with Lois Stewart



Above: The kids from La Petite Academy trick or treat for Halloween.



Above: Milton and his favorite nurse, Rebecca



Above: Dinora and Larry



Above: Donna Kerr and her son Zippy.



Above: Char and Nurse Hatchet, Rebecca



Above: Resident Alice celebrates her Halloween birthday with son Lyle and his wife Beverly.

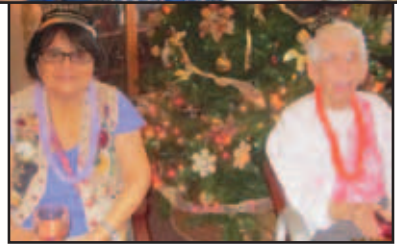
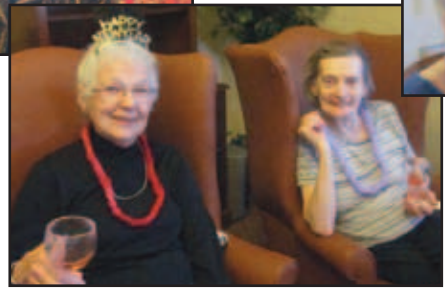
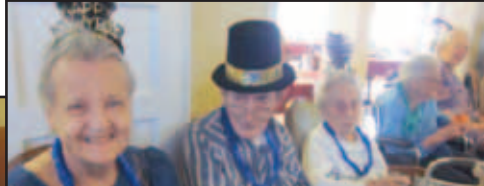
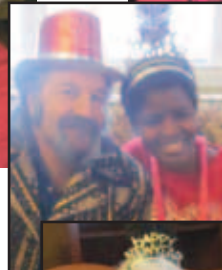
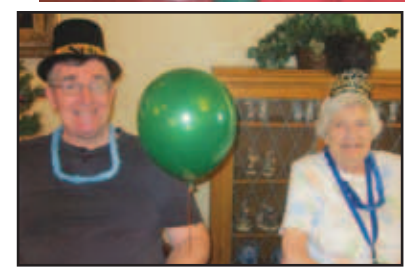
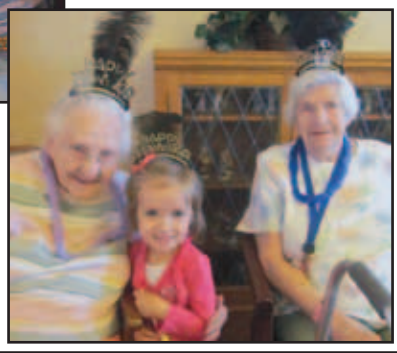
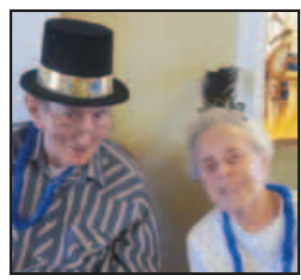
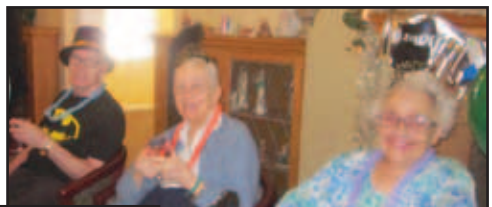


## Staff Entertainers



In September, as part of National Assisted Living week, ESMRC staff put on a show and did a pot luck for the residents of both the Home and The Star Vista Village.

# It's 2012! Happy New Year!



*Above: The gang's all here and ready for 2012! As no one would be up at midnight, the traditional countdown was to noon and not midnight. Some special guests came in to help celebrate the new year.*



*Left: Veterans Day — there was an honor guard from the US Navy. Below: A group photograph of ESMRC veterans.*



*Above: Residents enjoy a cut-throat game of scrabble.*

## Blessings to You from the Master's Community Church



As I write this, it is the first night of Hanukkah, a Jewish festival, sometimes called the Festival of Lights, with the lighting of candles that celebrates the rededication of the temple in Jerusalem that was desecrated around 165 BC. In Hebrew, the word “Hanukkah” means “dedication.” Happy Hanukkah to all of the Jewish faith and I pray God will bless you with wisdom and knowledge of Him as you pursue your dedication to Him.

This has been an amazing year. The Sunday evening non-denominational service in the Robert Russell Chapel is going strong with 30–40 attending each week. The sound and video system available in the chapel is first class, thanks to the generous donation from the members and officers of Black Hawk Lodge, Harmony Lodge, Centennial Lodge, Georgetown Lodge and Central City Lodge. I pray that God will bless these Masons, because they have been a blessing to this worship group. I will be forever grateful!

There were two Christmas specials this year and the Chapel was packed each Sunday night. The first night Chapel hosted “Heavens Calling Choir” for the fourth year in a row. The music was beautiful. The second night, “The Christmas Story and the Music of Christmas” was presented. The Christmas spirit was imparted to all who attended.

This year we finished a sermon series entitled “The 25 Secret Keys That Open the Door to God’s Blessings.” It took 30 weeks to complete and there was a wonderful sense of connecting to God in a real and personal way. No one has to go through life alone. God wants to walk with you each day and give you to the abundant life He intended. I pray you come

and see the blessings that God has in store for you. If you would like a summary of the series, let me know.

The Wednesday night Bible study read the book of Revelation, verse by verse. In February 2012 the group will begin a study on the book of Romans. A Tuesday Men’s Discipleship study group was formed, meeting at 4 pm at Panera Bread. All are welcome. I would love to have you join us. Call for details.

Plans for 2012, in addition to all of the above, include forming a Women’s Discipleship study and posting video recordings of our weekly services to the website. Those who cannot make it on Sunday night can be part of what the Chapel does. I receive many calls and emails from all over the state and many from the Denver area. You might be surprised how many Masons and Eastern Star members cannot attend because of physical limitations. I desperately want to serve them and help them in their walk of faith. I will need your help to make this happen. Please pray and ask God how you can be part of His plan.

On a sad note, our faithful brother Milton Schachterle went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 13, 2011. Memorial service was in January. Milt was a Mason, Eastern Star member and a Pearl Harbor survivor. I will truly miss my friend!

Do you need Prayer? Please give me a call or send an email, 303-809-7789 or [cofirst@msn.com](mailto:cofirst@msn.com). I pray God will Bless you and yours,

**Rev. Steve Schroeder PM**

### Community Shred-a-thon

You could be a victim of identity theft and not even know it!

The International Order of the Rainbow Girls Littleton Assembly No. 5 and the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community is trying to prevent you from becoming a victim through a Document-Shredding Event.

**Saturday, April 21, 10 am until noon,**  
at ESMRC: 2445 South Quebec St. Denver

**BRING** - Old checks, bills, bank statements, credit card offers, medical records, tax forms, pay stubs.

**DO NOT BRING** - Newspapers, phone books, magazines, plastic, cardboard or catalogues.

Donations accepted for the International Order of the Rainbow Girls Littleton Assembly No. 5 Scholarship Fund.

Questions? Call Pati Sawyer Boex,  
Fraternal Relations Director, 303-753-2160



# Antique & Classic Car Show



## **Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community**

2445 S Quebec St  
Denver CO 80231

**Saturday, May 19, 2012**  
**10am-2pm**

Trophies for Crowd Favorite & Dash Plaques for the first 100 Cars  
Hot Dog Stand

**To bring your car call Pati Sawyer Boex: 303-753-2160**

**Free Registration,**  
**Music by "Skip" the DJ**

If you are showing your car please be here to park by 9:30am  
Rain or Shine



Mellanie Pitzen has been working in the house keeping department at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community for the past 16 years. She is a dedicated employee.

In her spare time, Mellanie is an extremely talented artist. Her medium of choice is air brush and color pencil. Her favorite subject is animals. She occasionally shows her work in art exhibits.

A graduate of the Rocky Mountain School of Art, she has been painting for 25 years. Right: Pitzen displays "Portrait of Kimberly." Call her, 303-756- 9489, if you would like to have your animals' portrait done.



### Save the dates for Masonic events in 2012:

- **Masonic Family Community Picnic**  
Saturday, Aug. 11, 10 am–1 pm at ESMRC.
- ✓ Music by Soundwaves and the John Philips Sousa Band of Colorado
- ✓ Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Air Brush Tattoos, Character Artist, Bounce House
- ✓ Hot dogs and hamburgers.

*This great Masonic family event keeps getting bigger every year!*



- **Community Shred-a-thon with Bethel 40**,  
Saturday, September 15, 10 am–noon at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community

## 3RD ANNUAL EASTERN STAR MASONIC RETIREMENT COMMUNITY GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY: WEDBUSH



**Friday, June 8, 2012**  
**Park Hill Golf Club**  
4141 E. 35th Avenue



**Format:**  
Scramble with a Shotgun start at 7:30am

**Cost:**  
\$85 per player which includes: Golf, 1 Drink Coupon, Breakfast Burrito, BBQ Lunch, Cart and Driving Range.

**Fabulous Door Prizes and Goodie Bag**

**Hole Sponsorship:**  
Hole Sponsorship: \$125 Hole Includes: 1 round of Golf, Range Balls, Cart, Breakfast Burrito, BBQ Lunch, & 2 Drink Coupons, Signage at hole, Logo in Spotlight Newsletter and on our Website

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- \$50 Cart Sponsors
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# Spotlight on Residents

## *Les and Beverly Sonksen*

Go where the tall corn grows! Yes, the state of Iowa claims both Leon and Beverly Sonksen, who arrived at ESMRC via Colorado last Nov. 4.

Beverly grew up in Dubuque, Iowa, graduating from high school and then attending the University of Dubuque (U. of D.) in 1947.

Leon grew up near Waterloo, Iowa, graduating from high school, then spent two years in the Navy. Leon acquired his nickname as a result of his initials "L. E. S." A captain in the Navy gave Leon the nickname and it stuck. He started at the U. of D. in 1948.

Bev's sorority and Les's fraternity traditionally provided a musical program during the final test week of college. To make a long story short, Bev asked Les for a ride home when a practice that ran late, and the bus to Bev's house had finished its run. This is how they first became acquainted. Somehow, she knew he had a car?

Bev was dating another guy. Les was dating a college coed. Les was taking German I in his sophomore year. Bev was taking her third year of German in her junior year. Bev started tutoring Les after a casual comment that he was having difficulties with the language. They met in the faculty lounge because Les had access to it as an employee (photographer) of the college.

The couple would listen to symphonic music while they studied German. Bev also helped Les to appreciate the works of the great composers. (Les preferred western/cowboy music at the time).

When Bev told Les that she had terminated her

friendship with her steady, their relationship took a new turn. Les wasn't seriously dating any of the coeds at this point.

They dated seriously. Attending chapel weekly was a requirement (this was a Bible college), they held hands while hearing the gospel lessons. Beverly introduced Les to her folks and two brothers. Les took her to Grundy Center, Iowa, to meet his parents. Les' car became a training tool when she learned to drive. (Poor clutch took a real beating!)

Les gave her an engagement ring at the end of her junior year. They were married on June 14, 1951, in the college chapel. Bev worked for the college while Les finished his senior year. After graduating in June, 1952, they moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where Les taught in a private junior high school. Bev worked for Pennys and as a secretary for the Presbyterian Church.

Knowing the school would be razed to build an assisted living retirement center, they applied for teaching jobs in Pueblo. They both earned masters degrees from the University of Northern Colorado in the early 1960s. Bev taught elementary school for 15 years before taking early retirement. Les taught high school for 29 years. They raised four children — three daughters and a son. The entire family became involved in church, sorority, youth groups, music lessons, Masonry, Eastern Star, professional organizations and politics. Les retired in 1982.

Daughter Donna married Don Burns and currently lives in Littleton. Nancy married Tony Houdeshell and lives in Englewood. Deborah married Mark Worthey and now lives in Monument. A son, Mark,

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# Thanks to these 2011 donors —

*Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community thanks the following Chapters and individuals for their donations to the ESMRC for the months of August–December 2011.*

Phyllis Dickson	Harley Strahmann	Donald and Joyce Love
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*Thank you to the following Chapters, Lodges, Masonic Groups and Individuals who donated time or in kind donations for the residents of the ESMRC for the months of August–December 2011.*

*Anonymous donations have been generous. Thank you. The ESMRC wishes that your names could be added to the following list of people who donated various items.*

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**Thanks** to the wonderful delegates who often drive two hours for the monthly meetings at the ESMRC. Your time and dedication to the residents of ESMRC is appreciated. Front: Lynn Brown-Jones, Millicent Ramsey, Judy Morrison, Jeff Brothers, Maryann Gold-Weidler, Bob Weidler  
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Back Row: Elsie Lark, Lesle Thomas, Lester Williams, Robert Harper, Jim Jarvis, Sunny Hewitt, Margot Russow

# Two favorites: Pizza and Ice Cream



*The Rain Bow Girls Little from Littleton Assembly hosted a Pizza and Ice Cream lunch for the residents of ESMRC. Everyone declared the lunch a "hit."*



*Photo on back cover: Mary Ann Gold Weidler WGM and Charles Anderson WGP had their Canopy of Stars Reception here at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community on Sunday, Oct. 2. There was a scrumptious buffet and wonderful attendance from the Masonic community to congratulate Maryann, Charles and their Grand Line officers for the upcoming year.*

**Sonksen**...from page 13  
ended his own life in March 1977.

The Burns' daughter, Danae, married Javan Greeson. When he was discharged from the Air Force, they moved to Parker. They have a son, Cole, and a daughter, Libby. The Burns' son, David, is a junior at the Air Force Academy.

The Worthneys have three sons. After college graduation, Jacob is doing missionary work in Milan, Italy. Nathan is a senior at Colorado State University, Fort Collins. Seth is a high school junior.

During retirement, the Sonksens did consider-

able traveling. Bev started playing in the Pueblo symphony again after a 40-year hiatus. They bought a 15 acre farm and raised alfalfa; maintained a large garden including two acres of strawberries and marketed 30,000 eggs a month. The egg and strawberry business ended after two years, but they continued to farm for 13 years before moving back to Pueblo. They both worked in various home-based businesses in the health industry.

When they learned about a one bedroom apartment at the ESMRC becoming available toward the end of September, an appointment was made to see it. The rest is a short history. Here they are—starting a new beginning after living in Pueblo for 60 years.

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