

## EMBERS WELCOME

Velma Sartori Apt. 104



*Velma Sartori* was born in Kansas to Earl and Sara Gillenwater. She came from a big family, growing up with 2 brothers and 4 sisters!! The family moved to Paonia, Colorado when Velma was young and she attended School there, graduating from Delta High School in Colorado in 1942.

Velma moved to Denver, Co. and lived with her three girlfriends. She worked at Gates Rubber Co. for 2 years, in the office sorting mail. When her parents were hurt in a farm accident, Velma went back to take care of them, as she was the only one who was not married at the time. She worked on the farm taking care of the horses and also got a job at an Electric Co. She had met her first husband, Robert while in High School. They were married on New Year's Day. They had 2 sons – and divorced 4 years later.

Velma went to Fort Morgan, Colorado with her 2 little boys and stayed with her sister and her husband for a few months. She went to town to find a job, but did not want a babysitter for her little boys. She went to work at a Motel and took the boys to work with her. They moved in to the Motel and Velma did cleaning and other jobs to stay at the Motel. She finally rented an apartment and Velma did lawn work and cleaning to pay the rent.

She met Louie Sartori, who owned the local grocery store and met him one day when she went in to buy milk. He asked her on a date – she said no the first time, as she would not leave her boys! So finally on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, he invited all of them to a picnic and that did it! They were married and have been for 56 years! Louie lives in California with their son. They have 4 sons- Richard, who lives in Colo with his wife, Nancy - Dean and Linda live in Denver, Colorado, Larry and June live in California and Chris lives in New York. Velma has 7 grandchildren.

Welcome, Velma, we're glad you're here!!

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Ed & Elizabeth Blink Apt. 436



*Ed Blink* was born in Splitrock, Wi. to Paul and Mary Blink. Ed moved to Rhodes, Iowa when he was 8 months old. He attended school in Rhodes, but graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1939. After graduation he worked on a farm for a few years, living in Laurel. Ed was driving a seed company truck, when he met Elizabeth – their brothers were friends. They dated and were married in Haverhill. They moved here living at the Apgar Apts. Ed was employed by Standard Oil. Two years later they bought a house on Anson St.. In 1949, they spent 1 year on a farm, moved to a farm east of town for 1 year and finally settled in at the farm S.W. of town that they still own and lived in for 56 years. They raised dairy cows and hogs too. Ed got on at Fishers and worked there for 32 years. He is a member of the K.C.Hall and the U.A.W.

*Elizabeth Blink* was born near Haverhill to George and Hildagard Oetker. There were 9 children in her family. She attended school in Haverhill and graduated from Van Cleve High School in 1942. After graduation, Elizabeth did some housework for her neighbors and worked at Marshalltown Manufacturing for 2 ½ years. After her marriage to Ed she stayed home to raise their family. Elizabeth enjoyed gardening and canning. When they moved to the farm, her job was making sure all the parts were ordered for the combines and tractors. She also embroidered and is a member of St. Henry's Church and belonged to the CCW.

They have 5 children: Edward is deceased, John and Jane live in Arkansas, Laura lives in Melbourne with her husband Ben Tompkins, Nancy and her husband, Mark Richter live in Illinois and Roger and Kim live in Bell Plaine.

They have 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Welcome, Ed and Elizabeth, we're glad you're here!



## *Vicki's Vibes*

Happy New Year!!! We get to say good-bye to 2008 and welcome in 2009. Have fun with your celebrations to bring in the New Year. It sounds like the Community Room will be hopping.

With a New Year starting I want to take a minute to make some reminders:

We have had lots of children in the building with the holidays and lots of Pull Chain pulls. You don't hear the alarm going off in your apartment but it does go off at the front desk. You have to push the button to turn it off - It really helps if you call the desk to let us know everything is okay. Thanks.

Those of you with Life Line: PLEASE RESET YOUR MACHINE WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR APARTMENT. It is not our job to do it for you. When you don't reset, it's like the story of Peter and the Wolf - It's a false alarm. Life Line calls and when you don't answer they call us thinking you have fallen or are ill. The system works please don't use it incorrectly. Thanks.

Please double check the Soup and Sandwich sign up sheets; we have 2 different sheets; one for soup and sandwich days and a second for sandwich and chips days. You must mark each item that you want to eat and that is what will be fixed for you to enjoy in the Coffee Shop or at home. Thanks again.

Be sure you attend the Food and Council Meeting next Monday at 10 in the Community Room. We will be talking about the changes that are taking place in the Dining Room. We will be changing the hours of the Dining Room. Breakfast will be served from 7:00-8:30; the Noon meal will be served from 11:00-1:00. Seating at our Noon meal will be like seating on Sundays. Later this month we will serve

Saturday and Sunday meals instead of the buffet line. This will really help those using walkers.

We have been serving three meals a day for quite awhile now which means there is no need for ANY food to be removed from the Dining Room. If you want to take food from the Dining Room it will be considered a take home item and you will be charged for it. Please don't abuse this policy, food costs are high and we try to keep your costs down.

Everything looked so pretty for the holidays, it seems such a shame to have to put everything away, but we'll start next week. Please take your decorations off your trees Sunday or Monday and we will start taking them down and putting them away on Tuesday. Thanks.

Happy New Year and lets make it the best!

Love ya, *Vicki*

## *Deb's Ditty*

Hello again! Can you believe another year has passed already? WOW, how time flies!!! Looking back on 2008, I had a good year overall. No regrets. Looking forward in 2009 I have 3 grandbabies coming, it can't be bad!! Back to business. I want to mention again that if it is a local call, do not dial the 641 or our system will read it as long distance and you will be charged. Local prefixes are 844, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 351, 485, and 691.

Please welcome Velma Sartori and Betty & Jim Wilkens. Our hearts go out to the family of Katherine Harrison.

Please notify me about changes to the meal lists or any guest room reservations, I handle these things from my office. Janet can help you with Room Trays, Guest Reservations or Maintenance Requests from the front desk.

Warm thoughts,

Deb

# JO'S JENDA

Welcome 2009! That's going to be hard to get used to.

January will be busy, but that's what we like!! Time goes by fast and before you know it –Spring will be here!!

The Resident Birthday Party is this month, of course!! We have 9 celebrating. Come and wish them a Happy Birthday at the party on Friday the 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

The Kitchen Band has a "Road Trip" this month to Southridge Nursing Home on Wed. the 7<sup>th</sup>. The band does such a good job of putting smiles on faces of all the Residents in nursing homes. They love music!! Thank you ladies.

**Wii** is a great game we have here, especially in the winter months. The **Wii** game is in the Community Room. We had quite a bowling group started!! Check your calendar, we have 2 dates to play this month

We will have our **Appreciation Dinner** on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in the Community Room. The whole staff will be there- as our way of saying Thank You for our generous Christmas gift. We will eat supper together and serve you also!!

I called Carole Winkleblack of the Marshalltown Library and we will get a chance to have a guided tour of the new Library. I will have a sign up sheet out soon. I can probably shuffle back and forth. We need to be up there by 2:00 on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Keith Lambertsen will be here with his accordions for an afternoon of entertainment on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30!

**Till next month, JO**



## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

<i>Blanche Prusha</i>	<i>January 6 th</i>
<i>Mid Blink</i>	<i>January 9 th</i>
<i>Elaine Carter</i>	<i>January 10 th</i>
<i>Arlene Olsen</i>	<i>January 16th</i>
<i>Ruth Pothast</i>	<i>January 16 th</i>
<i>Pete Hoing</i>	<i>January 17 th</i>
<i>Ida Griffith</i>	<i>January 18 th</i>
<i>June Gummert</i>	<i>January 21 st</i>
<i>Iona Pryde</i>	<i>January 28 th</i>
<i>Esther Eller</i>	<i>January 28th</i>

## **MAINTENANCE LEAK**

**Happy New Year Embers Residents!!!**

Your Maintenance Department has been working hard, almost daily it seems, removing the snow to make the walkways safe for everyone. The snow, ice and thawing have been a challenge to keep up with – but we are doing our best to keep ahead of the weather. Since we still have a few months of winter left over please be cautious when you are outside to avoid a slippery situation.

The swimming pool will be closed the week of Jan. 4, 2009. We hope it will not be down very long. Please be patient with us. A new drain cap will be put on the drain to comply with Federal Laws. We want our swimming pool to be safe for all our residents.

**Lonnie & Kim**

## Kitchen Klatter

Another year has come and gone and I really have a lot to be thankful for!!

Our Christmas Dinner last Sunday was really nice! I hope everyone enjoyed it.

A lot of you have been taking advantage of the soup and sandwich in the evening. On these cold Iowa nights the soup sure does hit the spot. I'm glad to see you enjoy it.

Wendell Straka is our Resident of the Month. He has chosen Fried Chicken, Baked Potatoe, Scalloped Corn and Cherry Pie Ala'mode for dessert. Nice choice, Wendell!!

Happy New Year !!!!!!!  
Sally and the Kitchen Staff

## STAFF BIRTHDAYS



Janice Jordan	Jan. 3
Lonnie Barnes	Jan. 4
Eric O'Dell	Jan. 6
Amber Williams	Jan. 9
Janet Bach	Jan. 30
Jana Mitchem	Jan.31

## ***KATHY'S COMMENTS***

Most of you have already met our new Housekeeper, Amber. She moved to Iowa a few months ago. She has lived in North Carolina for years. I want to welcome her to the Embers and I hope she enjoys working here as much as we do.

Just to remind you we have another "free week" December 29 th – January 2 nd. If you would like extra work done in your apartment let me know.

I don't know about you, but I think we have had enough snow and ice!! Hopefully, the New Year will give us a little bit of a break from it all.

We hope all of you will have a great New Year!

Love to all,  
Housekeeping,  
Kathy, Tessa and Amber

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

**2009**