

Country Club Manor

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CCM HONORS GORDON FLORIN

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Gordy & his wife Marilyn have been residents at CCM since September 2003. They have been married for 65 years. They have 5 children and 29 grandchildren. Gordy is very proud and pleased with the work he has done throughout his lifetime in the area of orthotics and prosthetics and was very kind to take the time to share his story with me...

Gordy graduated from Harding High School. He was drafted in 1942. He completed his basic training in Louisville and was shipped overseas to England where he trained and worked as a medic during the Invasion of Normandy in 1944. Upon discharge in 1945, he enrolled at Hamline University in Pre-Med. Gordy met his wife Marilyn during his 3rd year and they married a year later. After graduating, Gordy worked in Physical Therapy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for about 2 years. He then was hired by the Minneapolis Artificial Limbs company where he worked as an advisor to Gillette Hospital.

In 1960, Gordy & Marilyn left Minnesota and moved out to Thermopolis, Wyoming (the city of heat). Gordy's expertise was in demand to set-up a full orthotics and prosthetics department. But that didn't last long. Another call came and Gordy moved his family to San Francisco where he taught in the Bio-mechanics Research department. When the Vietnam War broke out, the lab was closed down. That's when R. E. Huck Companies snatched him up to design and make prosthetics for 3 years.

Because there was such a shortage of certified prosthetics technicians, Gordy received another call for his expertise to come back to Minnesota in 1968 to help open a new firm. Once the firm was up and running, Gordy received another contact in 1970 requesting his expertise in Detroit, Michigan where he worked for D.R. Coon until 1975. Gordy was then recruited by the University of Boston where he worked until 1977. He packed up his family yet again and moved to Idaho. This is where Gordy decided he no longer wanted to work for someone else and started his own business in 1978. Things were going so well, he was asked to open a second shop in Pocatello. Also during this time period, Gordy would commute back and forth between Idaho and Salt Lake City 3 days a week for about a year as a senior instructor.

Gordy sold his businesses in 1988 and moved his family back to Minnesota. It was finally time for Gordy to retire. Yet he continued to assist and advise local labs and companies in the area of orthotics and prosthetics until 1998 when he began his volunteering career. Gordy didn't want his experience and knowledge to go to waste so during a stay at the VA Hospital, Gordy made his way down to the limb shop where he volunteered his services.

Gordy goes out to the VA every Tuesday and Friday. He pays for his own transportation to and from. He has given 12 years of his time to work with prosthetics as a back-up to the permanent personnel at the VA Hospital. He will fill casts, design braces and artificial limbs, repair or make a foot. During one of his doctor's visits, Gordy picked up a magazine in the waiting room which was dated 1980. That's when Gordy started taking his own magazines in to donate and has since solicited the help of other CCM residents to also donate their used periodicals. CCM has since donated our gently used jig saw puzzles so VA family members are offered some entertainment while waiting for their family members to be treated.

Thanks for sharing Gordy...and Happy Birthday!

FROM TERESE'S DESK



Happy St. Patty's Day to all my Irish friends!!

2010 CENSUS: The 2010 Census will be forthcoming. When it arrives this month, please complete and return the form. The Census Bureau is shooting for an April 1st deadline. Your response will help obtain the necessary funds needed to better our community in many ways such as: Access to new hospitals and senior centers. Our grandchildren could learn in new or improved schools. Expand public

transportation and our local emergency response providers could have up-to-date equipment, just to name a few.

The 2010 Census asks 10 questions and takes 10 minutes to complete. Completing your census form is easy, important and safe. Your participation is vital!

NEW VALVE IN POOL SHOWER: Bill has replaced the valve in the pool shower. You will no longer have to run the water endlessly before getting in. We ran a test, and you will now have hot water in less than 2 minutes!! Mary & Lee will be very appreciative as the water bill for them will decrease significantly by not letting the water constantly run!! Please let me know if it becomes a problem again so we can fix it immediately rather than creating unnecessary waste and expense.

GARAGE RULES: I've noticed several residents 'tinkering' on their vehicles while parked in the garages. If you need to perform any maintenance or repairs to your vehicles, you must move your vehicle outside. Mary & Lee went to great expense to repair and update our garages and provide us all with a safe and clean parking environment.

Please do not leave your vehicle parked or unattended in front of the main entrance to the elevator in the garage. Other residents are unable to maneuver their vehicles in or out of their parking stalls.

On a personal note..... This time next month I hope to have welcomed my new granddaughter into the world!! I should also have a name.

Until next month....

Terese

NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTORS"



Hello all! I can't believe it's March already. Our Valentine Brunch was really nice. We had a good crowd, AWESOME food, and a fun time. The casino trip to Hole in the Wall was fun too. We had a few winners. Our potluck was also a hit. (I just love all this food)

Our monthly Casino Trip will be to Treasure Island on Thurs. Mar.11th. Also we have information on some other day trips and overnights, so contact us for details on these if you're interested. Please see signs in lobbies for details and sign-up.

We will be celebrating St.Patrick's Day with a brunch on Sat. Mar.13th at 11:30am in the Club Room. Our Potluck will be on Mon. Mar.30th at 5:30pm in the Club Room. Just a reminder that all activities will be posted with details on the bulletin boards throughout the buildings. If you have questions regarding any of our functions please feel free to call us at 651-451-6828 or stop by #107.

We would like to let you know ahead of time of our Apr. Casino Trip. We will be going to Diamond Jo's on Mon. Apr.5th.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us in all our activities. We would love to have VERY large turnouts. Thank you to all who participate!

That's it for this month. Take care.

Kevin + Kathy E.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

NAME	BLDG	APT	DATE	NAME	BLDG	APT	DATE
John Aldrich	45	#118	2	Irving Sobon	45	#304	17
Betty Shol	45	#311	2	Bruce Campbell	45	#309	17
Mayme Grund	45	#110	5	Brad Campbell	45	#309	18
Rita Lloyd	45	#202	5	David Luhrs	45	#112	20
Mike Schell	55	#228	5	Mitzi Vold	45	#216	21
Tom Carlson	55	#336	7	Connie Schell	55	#228	23
Renee Norman	55	#320	8	Mickey Starr	45	#103	23
Billy Klabunder	55	#225	9	Kathy Ericson	45	#107	26
Gordon Plorin	45	#212	9	Harlan Herrmann	55	#319	31
Kathy Mehle	45	#316	11				
Missie R. Stone	55	#224	15				

THE FUNNY BONE

A Really Bad Day

A guy is sitting at the bar just staring at his drink for half an hour when this big trouble-making biker steps next to him, grabs his drink, gulps it down in one swig and then turns to the guy with a menacing stare as if to say, 'What'cha gonna do about it?' The poor little guy starts crying.

'Sure, now start crying you little wimp!'

'This is the worst day of my life,' says the little guy between sobs. 'I can't do anything right.

I overslept and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me.

When I went to the parking lot, I found my car was stolen and I don't have any insurance.

I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife in bed with the gardener and my dog bit me.

So, I came to this bar trying to work up the courage to put an end to my life, and then you show up and drink the damn poison.'