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NO MORE DONATIONS OF GREETING CARDS – PLEASE.

No more space to store them. Will let you know when we need more.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENT: Welcome to our newest Resident, **LaDonna Thomas** from Sterling, NE. LaDonna’s daughter, Brenda VanGroningen, is a member of chapter AT in Tecumseh. LaDonna worked in food service for many years. We are delighted to have her living at our Home bringing our Resident count to 17.

FEBRUARY 2024 ACTIVITIES:

Activities Director, Cindy Zajicek always plans many activities – and has added a NEW activity—“Cooking with Cindy”. They have already baked a cake to be served to the Residents. An exciting baking activity will be for them to bake cookies for Vacation Bible School at Christ Community Church in Beatrice this summer. Cindy is planning on this activity once or twice a month. Cindy will also incorporate recipes that new Resident, LaDonna Thomas modified and used when she worked at the nursing home in Kansas. Other Residents will offer recipes and suggestions as well.

In addition to the usual exercise sessions, Bingo, movies, and church activities held at the Home, there were musical events as well. Karen Wiebe provided music and the Dulcimers also entertained the Residents. The Valentine’s Day Party was a HUGE hit with lots of music, food, wine, and other soft beverages.

It will not be long before the “lunch out” trips will return since the weather will be staying nicer soon. You can view fun photos of the Home, residents, and staff on our website:

<https://www.nebraskapeohome.org/>

You can find photos under the “NOTES” heading on the Nebraska P.E.O. Home website.

CINDY ZAJICEK: Activities Director, Cindy, is now a P.E.O. member! She was initiated into Chapter BF on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Four residents attended – Mary Newcomber, Marlene Bang, Maggie Boyce, and Kathy Gaertig. Of course, administrator, Shari Little, and director of nursing, Kristie McClellan were there. Two Board directors: Rose Fetty and Lisa Helmick were also in attendance. This group enjoyed supper out – at Pizza Hut – before the trip to Wilber – what a great time!

CONVENTION DONATIONS: Yes, we are still collecting funds to replace the dining room tables and chairs and you will be able to donate, for this purpose, at the 2024 Convention. Chapters might consider collecting loose change at meetings or a \$1 per person offering at each meeting so that can be added for this specific purchase.

Another Home-related project is our hope to “build a wall” honoring and memorializing chapters and members with the purchase of bricks (in tan or red). The order information and form are on the Nebraska P.E.O. Home website: <https://www.nebraskapeohome.org/>

Please remember that the cost of the bricks also means their care in perpetuity. Should there be damage due to weather or accident, the bricks will be maintained. Nic and Greg are eager to get started on this important project near the parking lot.

Be SURE to stop by the Nebraska P.E.O. Home Display Table

At the 2024 Convention at the Younes Center in Kearney

**There will be some “freebies” along with important information for you!
There will be, IN THE DELEGATE PACKETS, a NEW Adopt-A-Resident Form,
Donation Form, and Suggested Gift List.**

Do NOT Forget: You must complete new Adopt forms each year. You may request the same Resident or Employee, but it is not a guarantee you will have the same person.

The Adoption Form you turn in must have the years: 2024-2025 at the top.

The ADOPTION Year begins July 1 annually.

TOURS of OUR HOME: Contact Shari Little, Administrator to set up a date and time.

EMAIL SHARI LITTLE: nebraskapeohome@outlook.com

Another Reminder: THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING: The Nebraska P.E.O. Home is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Your donation may be tax deductible. Please check with your financial planner or tax preparer to see if your donation may be eligible to be deducted from your taxes. We have been blessed that some sisters and the family of some residents have done some estate planning giving generous monetary donations to help maintain our home. We can all be thankful for these gifts as the Board of Directors carefully assist to keep our investments healthy. Our goal is to keep our Home viable for many years to come. You might want to consider such a gift knowing that our Home staff and Nebraska P.E.O.’s care lovingly for our residents. **Once again, there are only TWO states that have a P.E.O. Home—Idaho is the other and their facility is very different from what Nebraska offers.**

MILESTONE and HEARTFELT THANKS: Thank you, for loving our Home. Your love built our Home, and your love maintains it.

September 2023: Nebraska P.E.O.’s have been supporting our beloved Home with love for 85 years!

