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HAROLD TINDALL'S GREAT ADVENTURE

“During my lifetime, I’ve ridden on many things: a trike, a bike, a car, a tractor, a truck, a helicopter, large and small airplanes, buses and trains,” Harold told me. But in a discussion he held with his son, Dan, many, many years ago, Harold said, “I want to go for a ride on a balloon on my 100th birthday.” At that time Harold, who was nowhere near 100, didn’t live here and neither did Dan.

Harold moved to Mayflower after his wife of 65 years died. Dan had moved here several years before and worked first for Grinnell College and then set up his own business as an architect here. In fact, Dan worked with Jack Morrison in renovating Harold’s apartment in Edwards. Neither Dan nor Harold forgot the wish for a balloon ride at age 100.

When Harold’s 100th birthday finally came in September of 2014, it was not a good day. “It was too windy,” Harold reported. The balloon owner and driver would not take a chance on taking Harold up, especially in light of his advanced years. So, Harold and Dan waited.

Finally, on October 6, 2015, one month past Harold’s 101st birthday, weather conditions were perfect. Harold and Dan drove to Indianola where



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ENTWISLE, Jo Ann

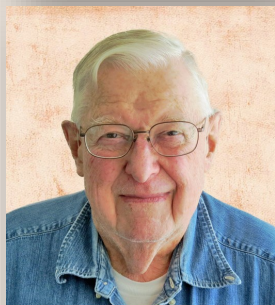
**Let us welcome
our
New Neighbors**



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YUNGCLAS, Pat (* Don)



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WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER - Kelly Beck, Director of Nursing

You can be forgiven for thinking you are seeing double if you look at Kelly Beck and think, "I know her from somewhere before." Kelly started her dream of becoming a nurse right here at the Mayflower's Health Center when she was a certified nurse aide/medication aide. That was in 1999. She had worked at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance for nine years and had already had three of her four children when she turned toward a new professional vision for herself. She enrolled in the nursing program at Marshalltown Community College with a lot of support from her husband, Daryl, her mom, Vicki Smith, and her grandparents, Ken and Betty Adams. She went on to earn her LPN (2000) and her RN (2002) and then worked at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, as well as at the Marengo Memorial Hospital. Coming back to the Mayflower Homes as Director of Nursing is like coming home.

When I ask Kelly what she does in her spare time (we both laugh at that phrase because we know very few women with any "spare time") she talks about her family. She grew up in Newburg and lives in the house her grandparents lived in when she was younger. She says her extended family takes up a whole city block in Newburg, and yes, their church is also right there. She says that they still get together every Sunday for dinner, a meal that is very special to her and also to her four children.



Kelly's children are always at the center of her heart. She still has a daughter, Jenna, at the Middle School. The three boys are older, with Josh graduating from Grinnell High School this May, Jordan in school at UNI, and Jake working for Biova in Ames. When I asked what he does there, I learned that it has something to do with the production of egg membranes. I wondered then if this son is

following some footsteps of his father. Daryl runs the feed mill at the Fremont Farms. He is responsible for feeding millions of chickens every day at his job.

Kelly obviously has raised very self-sufficient and successful children. She smiled when I said this and admitted that all of her children learned at age 10 how to do their own laundry, and they have been doing it ever since. She is proud of her children, and feels like she must be doing something right for them all to be the wonderful people they are turning out to be. Kelly brings that same love and support of her family to her new position here at Mayflower. She sees the Mayflower Community as a kind of family too. If she brings her organizational skills, her sense of humor, her warmth and accessibility to her job that she brings to her family in Newburg, then we are all blessed.

Karen Phillips

WELCOME LYLE AND CAROLYN ROUDABUSH - WS 102

Long time Grinnell residents Lyle and Carolyn Roudabush, who moved into their first floor apartment at the north end of Watertower Square in late March, are very familiar to many Mayflower Community residents. They each grew up on a farm in rural Poweshiek County and graduated from B-G-M High School in 1964.

After graduating from high school, Lyle went on to the University of Iowa and then to the University of Iowa Dental College to prepare for a career as a dentist. Carolyn completed a cosmetology program at Paris Academy in Cedar Rapids and worked as a beautician at Blackstones in Iowa City. They were married in 1967 and lived in North Liberty, Iowa while Lyle completed his dental training. After Lyle completed his dental studies he joined the navy and was assigned to the USS Independence based in Norfolk, VA for three years. Carolyn joined him in Norfolk and their first son Chris was born there in 1971.

Life was not all study for Lyle at Iowa. He was a member of the 125-member marching band that performed at football games and other events. And he worked on the technical crew handling the lighting for concerts and public events in the Memorial Union and other venues. One concert that he remembers vividly required him to keep the spotlight focused on Duke Ellington's hands.

On completion of Lyle's stint in the navy, the family came to Grinnell where Lyle joined Peter Boeke and the staff at Family Dentistry to begin a 38-year career

as a family dentist. Their second son Todd was born in Grinnell in 1976.

Lyle and Carolyn have also been very active in the community. Lyle served on the Grinnell Community School Board for 9 years. He currently serves as the Treasurer of the Methodist Church and both Carolyn and Lyle sing in their Praise Team. He has appeared in several community theatre productions. Carolyn is an avid gardener and worked for 6 years with the home health program at Grinnell Community Hospital.

The two have also been serious bikers. Lyle has ridden on 18 RAGBRAI events and Carolyn has accompanied him on a tandem bike for two of those RAGBRAI adventures.

The dedication to a dental career is being repeated in the next generation as first son Chris completed dental school at Iowa after graduating from Central College. He returned to Grinnell to join his father at Family Dentistry and is now well settled in Grinnell with his wife (Grinnellian Jody Epperson) and three children, the oldest a senior at Central College. Those three grandchildren continue to make Grinnell a particularly attractive place for Lyle and Carolyn to spend their retirement years from their new base at 102 Watertower Square.

Their younger son Todd graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College and has been a public school teacher and curriculum coordinator at the Hopkins High School in metropolitan Minneapolis.

Luther Erickson

WELCOME DON AND PAT YUNGCLAS - WS106

Some people come to Mayflower after living nearby, and some come from far away.

Don and Pat Yungclas, Watertower Square residents, have done both: they have deep connections in this community and they have lived all over the US.

Their community connections extend way back, beginning as students at Grinnell College, where they met on a blind date. Don came to Grinnell from the Iowa farm he grew up on. Pat, whose father was a civil engineer for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, grew up moving frequently all around the Midwest. When they were students at Grinnell, they remember when Rev. Montgomery sold his house to provide seed money for a retirement home for Congregationalist ministers and missionaries. Don recalls thinking, "It'll never amount to anything."

While a student at Grinnell College, Don served as a student minister at the Chester Congregational Church. Years later, when the Chester sanctuary was moved into town to become part of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pat and Don helped push the building onto its basement on State Street.

After Chester, Don served as Associate Pastor and Pastor in churches in Washington State, Iowa, and Illinois. During this time they had five children, and Pat was a stay-at-home mom, taking care of the children during their frequent moves.

One memorable ministry occurred at Faith United Church, in an area of Chicago which many members were fleeing as people of different backgrounds moved in. Don and other pastors worked to stabilize the situation. For example, many of the area churches hosted a huge gathering at one of the largest south side parks. At the gathering, everyone learned and sang together a song written especially for the occasion: "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love."

The Yungclases then moved to Wichita,

where Don spent 12 ½ years as Associate Conference Minister for the KS-OK conference (the position of Conference Minister is equivalent to that of bishop in other denominations). While they lived in Wichita, Pat attended Wichita State University, graduating with her Bachelor's Degree on the same day as two of her daughters, on Mother's Day in 1973.

In 1979, Don tried another form of ministry: he was called to start a new church at Port Orange, FL. Don walked up and down streets knocking on doors and inviting people to become part of a diverse and welcoming community. By the time they left five years later, the church was self-sustaining; it survives today.

In Florida Pat began her career as a library worker, working in several small area libraries. She found that library work really satisfied her and has continued to volunteer in libraries in almost every place she has been since.

In 1985 Don was elected to be the Interim Iowa Conference Minister in Des Moines, replacing the previous Conference Minister, Don's long-time friend Scott Libbey (late husband of current Mayflower resident Jean Libbey) and working with many people who later became Mayflower residents: Orlan Mitchell, Dewey Meyer, Tom and Rey Evans. Over the next 11 years Don served as Interim Conference Minister in 8 different conferences — IA, SD, MI, ND, MO, the Southwest OH association, Washington-North Idaho — and was assistant to the conference minister of Hawaii after the 1992 Hurricane Iniki on Kauai.

When Don's Conference Ministry service ended in 1994, Don and Pat planned to build a Harwich Terrace home but first Don served 11 months as an interim at his home church in Webster City.

Finally, in June of 1995 they moved to Altmeier, where they lived for 11 months watching every step of the building process

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MAYFLOWER COMMUNITY NURSE GIVEN STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

Pat Conn, R.N. and weekend supervisor at Mayflower's Health Center, has been named one of 100 Great Iowa Nurses, a program of the Iowa Nurses Foundation. The Great Nurses program annually recognizes "100 outstanding nurses whose courage, competence, and commitment to patients and the nursing profession stand out above all others."



I have known some amazingly talented nurses in my career, so to be counted among the 100 is an honor I never expected," Conn said.

Mayflower nominated Conn for the recognition because of her depth of knowledge, excellent assessment skills, high energy level, and strong drive to be an advocate for residents and staff.

Conn, who previously served as Mayflower's director of nursing, began her career as an Army nurse stationed in Tokyo during the Vietnam War. A native of the Grinnell area, she returned to Iowa after her service and work in a San Jose, CA hospital. Most of her nearly 50-year nursing career since has focused on the field of gerontology and service to older adults in several central Iowa facilities.

"This wasn't something that I expected I would have chosen," Conn said, "but it's so rewarding. I always feel that I get more from the residents than I've ever given."

Considered a mentor by many of her current and former colleagues, Conn says she enjoys "working with staff members to identify and solve patient care issues, especially working with people with dementia."

"I am very humbled by this recognition.

Pat is the 'go to' nurse—an invaluable member of the Mayflower team—who goes to great lengths to look at all sides of issues, gets to the underlying problem or concern, and can make solid decisions and judgments from her accumulated years of end-of-life care.

Pat's voice is the voice of calm reasoning that gently guides new staff and helps them make connections to the residents. One just knows that things are going to run smoothly and problems resolved when Pat is on duty. Mayflower is very pleased that Pat's experience and unflagging commitment to high quality care for our residents is recognized by the Great Iowa Nurses program.

Conn will attend the 100 Great Nurses celebration at the Iowa Events Center on May 1.

Ed Poush

Associate Director/Administrator

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on their Harwich Terrace home. During the next twelve years living in that home, they travelled throughout the US and abroad.

In 2007, responding to a crisis, they moved back to Wichita to be closer to family. During their 8 years there, they spent much time with family and enjoyed getting to know their great-grandchildren. But they always felt a pull to Mayflower,

so, in mid-November of 2016, they moved into Watertower Square and are here to stay (except for visiting their 5 children, 9 grandchildren, assorted spouses and 14 great-grandchildren). They feel good to be back with their Mayflower family — Pat's brother Gordon Packard (and wife Karen) and Don's first cousin Jim Yungclas (and wife Arloene) — and with many friends who have welcomed them back.

Judy Hunter

WELCOME JO ANN ENTWISLE- WS 105

When you walk into Jo Ann Entwisle's 1st floor Watertower Square apartment, the first thing you see is the harp that graces her living room.

Jo had taken lessons on the harp for several years before she came to Grinnell. Recently, in hopes she would not forget everything she had learned, she began taking lessons with a teacher who teaches harp at the College, and she is bent on improving her skills.

The harp is only one manifestation of Jo's love of music. She began taking piano lessons at an early age, and since high school, she has sung in church choirs.

There are many ways to spell her name. To make it simple, she decided to use just her first name, Jo. Her middle name is Ann. Her last name is pronounced "Ent Whistle," but is spelled "Entwisle," which can sometimes lead to interesting mispronunciations.

She was born in Kearney, NE, the oldest of four children. Her father, a trial lawyer, travelled to several parts of the country to try accident and divorce cases. He died at the age of 57 of a sudden heart attack.

Jo began her college career at Nebraska Wesleyan, and then went to Kearney State Teachers' College where she decided to teach physically handicapped students. She taught grade school in many communities in Nebraska while she attended summer school in Colorado, where she earned her masters degree in special education.

She met her husband Ben at a square dance at Argonne National Laboratories, southwest of Chicago. Ben, a widower, was a chemical engineer, with a grown daughter the same age as Jo's only brother, the youngest one in her family.

Ben and Jo were married for 42 years, during which time they lived in Ben's

home in Lockport, IL. During this time Jo substitute taught everything from special education for mentally handicapped four year olds to English at the Joliet Junior College in Joliet, IL. She volunteer taught English as a second language to displaced persons from Cambodia and worked as a news reporter for the Lockport page of the Joliet newspaper.

Receiving training as a medical records technician, she worked briefly in Chicago and then in medical records at a maximum security prison in Joliet for young men under the age of twenty-one.

As they got older, Jo began to realize the problems they faced where they lived. Their home in Lockport was in a remote area, and there were no close neighbors or nearby relatives. They were entirely dependent on a car to get places. They investigated several 55+ communities in the area, but found none that also offered assisted living.

During the time when they were making decisions on where to live, her husband Ben was diagnosed with cancer of the liver. As he needed to make frequent trips to Rochester, MN, to the Mayo Clinic, they began to look at possibilities for moving to Iowa. They both wanted to live in a college town, and they looked at retirement communities in Cedar Falls, Ames, and Grinnell. Since Ben was a staunch Republican and she a firm Democrat, they frequently disagreed on things, but they both agreed on Grinnell as the place to move.

Although Ben died in 2014, Jo followed through on moving to Grinnell, where she is in the process of getting to know the community. She values the idea that in this community you can walk and get places in two minutes.

Judy Hunter

WELCOME CARMEN AND SEYMOUR RAFFETY - WS 204

The moment I entered the Raffety's Watertown apartment, it was clear that they are so happy and comfortable here. They moved from La Crosse, WI, where they had lived for 40 years, but coming to Grinnell is definitely like coming home for Seymour. He is the brother of Howard, Donald, Carolyn, and Maynard (now deceased), and the first cousin of Ruth and Stan Greenwald who grew up on a farm right next to the Raffety farm. No wonder the name is familiar to all of us! Coming to retire at the Mayflower makes perfect sense, if you know the history.

Carmen grew up in Iowa City where she got a degree with a double major in music and general science. She went on for advanced training in medical technology, and eventually met Carolyn, Seymour's sister, in MN. This led us to a wonderful story of little girls' bridesmaid dresses which were being made from blue silk fabric brought back from Japan by Seymour. As fate would have it, the Maid of Honor in Carolyn's wedding had to back out at the last minute, and this color-conscious bride looked for a stand-in who might have a blue dress that would match the blue silk. This is how Carmen met Seymour: she had the right color dress and ended up being at the wedding where they both stood up for the couple. Carmen said I wouldn't want to put that in my article, but she was wrong. I love that story!

Seymour graduated from Grinnell College and went on to earn an MA and then a PhD in Nuclear Engineering at Iowa State. After being an Air Force helicopter pilot, he eventually had a career in the field of Nuclear Energy, four years at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN, then moved on to Dairyland Power Cooperative at La Crosse where he ran a small power reactor as part of a government demonstration plant. Dairyland Power is an REA Cooperative (that stands for Rural Electrification Administration) bringing power lines to remote

rural areas. At this point as I was struggling to understand, I was thinking, "Well, it is not rocket science, but it might as well be!"

The science genes are evident in the next generation of Raffety children. Carmen and Seymour have three scientifically inclined children: The oldest is Helen Rieland who is married to David and lives in Troy, MI. She is an engineer for G.M. Their other daughter is Linda Kiehne, married to Paul and living in Flagstaff, AZ. She has retired from a career with Intel in computer science and has just recently become a licensed real estate agent. Their youngest, David, has a drywall business in La Crosse and has a partner, Ashlie, who works in a women's health center. Even the two grandchildren (Rieland) might continue the science focus. Julie is at the University of Michigan studying Chemical Engineering, and Erik is a junior in high school. We are not sure yet if science will draw him in, but is anyone willing to make a bet?

When asked about hobbies, I learned that they love to travel. In addition to trips to Sweden and Finland, which were related to Seymour's work, they enjoyed a two week family vacation in 1995 to New Zealand with their three children and the girls' two spouses. They got help planning the trip from Marilyn Kennett, another Raffety, who lived there at the time with her husband, Mark. In her spare time, Carmen plays bells and has joined the Mayflower group, much to the delight of Jeanette! She also enjoys crocheting, and has made beautiful pillow covers for their comfortable reclining sofas in the living room. For now, they are settling in, slowly unpacking, and looking forward to getting to know a whole new community that has welcomed them here at Mayflower.

Karen Phillips

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they watched the balloon get inflated and then got into the rather small basket with four other people. There was no door latch on the basket. The riders climbed on a step stool to get in. Harold needed a little assistance in that process, but it went smoothly. He didn't feel nervous at all, just excited. The sun was shining, and there was almost no wind as the balloon slowly rose in the sky. Harold said it was utterly quiet and so beautiful up in the air. He could see the straw colored corn fields in their neatly laid out squares and rectangles in green fields and



**UP, UP
and
AWAY**



The photos for this article were taken by various members of Harold's family

cars that looked like ants. He could see the sharp division of the land and sky at the horizon. "It was beautiful," he said. He enjoyed a quiet and lovely 45 minutes high in the air. Harold smiled the entire time he talked about this ride.

I asked Harold how he could top this wonderful trip when he is 102. Would he plan a trip to outer space? He laughed at that but would not get specific about his plans for that birthday. Almost anything is possible at any age, his attitude said. I believe that.

Alice Breemer



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