

The Informer

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Adventurers Spend Day in Des Moines

The Mayflower resident travel club, the Adventurers, organized by Kathy Szary, traveled by Lester the Bus to sites in Des Moines on Tuesday, August 22nd. Driven by Sig Barber, “Lester” is a 13-seat, comfortable shuttle bus. The group visited the Des Moines Botanical Center and the Hall of Laureates World Food Prize. Both sites hosted guided tours for the visitors. Lunch was enjoyed in the Botanical Center’s Trellis Restaurant.

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director

A Simple Take on “Legacy Giving”

This “simple take” starts with a simple definition. “Legacy giving is that which makes an IMPACT beyond your lifetime.” Or “gifts that keep on giving,” if you will. Nowhere in this definition is the concept, “legacy giving is only for the wealthy.” Three unique legacy giving concepts follow; each is possible at any level of giving.



LEGACY IMPACT #1: Extending annual support beyond your lifetime. The concept: The current support you give to care for Mayflower residents and staff will be missed when you are gone. A legacy gift “invested” in the Mayflower Foundation’s “Human Needs Endowment Fund” or “General Fund” will produce earnings each year in perpetuity to care for the needs of residents and staff. The impact of

your gift will touch every generation served by Mayflower.

Practical considerations: These legacy gifts may be made during your lifetime, through an estate provision, or by a combination of both. Lifetime legacy gifts made during your lifetime are likely to produce the greatest tax savings and protection of family wealth. Exploring “non-cash” options (such as appreciated stocks) may further magnify the tax savings and family benefits.

LEGACY IMPACT #2: Extending Mayflower’s reach. The concept: These are gifts that help build a new building, start a new program, or otherwise extend Mayflower’s breadth or depth of services. Your impact will be felt across multiple generations.

Practical considerations: These legacy gifts are typically made during one’s lifetime, providing personal satisfaction in seeing the project completed while carrying the potential for significant tax savings. They are also possible via an estate provision and would include documentation of the type of project you wish to support.

LEGACY IMPACT #3: Teach the next generation. The concept: As you involve children, grandchildren, or others in your charitable planning and giving, you teach to succeeding generations, the joy of giving and the impact of philanthropy.

Practical considerations: From family conversation around the table to shared participation in Donor Advised Funds or Private Family Foundations, there are a wide range of possibilities that make teaching and bonding memories.

The concept of “legacy” is surely about more than handling material resources. Character and wisdom, among others, are significant factors. I would enjoy talking with you about all three. I will handle the “legacy giving” part; you can help me with “character and wisdom!” Please let me hear from you.

-Doug Lockin, CPA, Mayflower Gift Planning Specialist

Dogs Make Good Visitors

Recently, residents of Mayflower’s Health Center were treated to visits



from furry friends. The dog is Bandit, a pomskey, which is a cross between a Siberian husky and a Pomeranian. Bandit belongs to Oshi Ramos-McCormick, an employee of Mayflower's Foodservices department. In the photo, Bandit greets Joan Brand-Landkamer.

-Bob Mann, Mayflower Sales & Marketing Director

Mayflower Audio Books Buckley Second Floor Lounge

The Body by Bill Bryson

One Summer by Bill Bryson

The Johnstown Flood by David McCullough

The Pioneers by David McCullough

1776 by David McCullough

Lady In Waiting by Anne Glenconner

The Invention of Surgery by David Schneider, MD

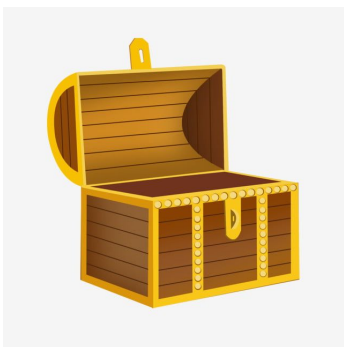
Me, Elton John

The Rathbones by Janice Clark

The Pull of the Stars by Emma Lowe

Franklin and Winston by Jon Meacham

Elizabeth (Taylor) by J. Randy Taraborrelli



North Country Collection in the Treasure Chest

The MRA Treasure Chest will feature a display of Alaskan and Canadian artifacts from Janet and the late Jim Ferguson's collection. It will be assembled on Saturday, September 2nd and will run through the end of October.

The Treasure Chest, a responsibility of the Mayflower Residents Association standing committee of that name, is a ceiling-height curio cabinet located in the Pearson building lobby.

In Janet's own words, "This collection of Alaskan and Canadian indigenous artifacts was started when we moved to Alaska in 1978. Jim and I wanted to collect some 'authentic' Alaskan souvenirs that were handmade by native Alaskans and Canadians, not the usual tourist tchotchkes made in China."

"The collection includes basketry, dolls, clothing, jewelry, scrimshaw, and sculpture. Jim and I often gave each other gifts of indigenous art pieces for our birthdays and anniversary. I admired the artistry and designs of the different cultural groups, and we often bought directly from the artist. I also found many items at arts and craft shows in Anchorage, Denali Park, and Fairbanks as well as in our travels through the Yukon Territory in Canada."

"Jim lived in Barrow for a time, where he would meet directly with the artists. For the baleen basket, Jim went to the artist's home and asked the basket weaver to make him a basket. The baleen basket is an example of a rare art form, and each basket artist had a distinctive carved ivory top knob on their baskets as a signature."

"Where possible, we try to identify the artist by name and location. All of the artists identify as indigenous except for Bill Nancarrow, who made his jewelry out of antler and bone. Bill lived in Denali Park, Alaska for many decades."

For information about the Treasure Chest, contact Doug or Ginny Cameron (236-4544), cameronv641@gmail.com or Janis Peak (236-8993).

Grinnell Area Arts Council Upcoming

Grinnell Area Arts Council To Perform for *Frankenstein*. Jeff Carter will direct this October production in the Loft Theatre at the Arts Center. Rehearsals began August 28th. Performances will be October 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 27th, and 28th.

Grinnell Area Arts Council Exhibit: *It's Not What It Is*, by Joe Tuggle Lacina. September 7th through October 7th. Opening reception: September 7th, 5:30-7:30pm, with an artist's talk at

6:00pm. Stewart Gallery. Regular hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11:00am-5:00pm, and Saturday, 10:00am-12:00noon. Admission is free.



MRA Forum
“The Status of Our Legal System”
Judge Stephen Carroll
Tuesday, September 12, 2023. 2:00-3:30pm.
Kiesel Theatre

The Mayflower Residents Association sponsors a monthly Forum where information of interest to Grinnell residents is presented and followed by a question-and-answer time. The presenter for September’s Forum will be retired District Judge, Steve Carroll.

Steve is a graduate of Grinnell College and received his law degree from Drake University. He serves as a senior judge in Iowa’s District 2A. Appointed to the court in 1985, Steve retired in 2012, but continues to serve in senior judge status.

He will speak about current topics and happenings in our legal system.

-Bob Butterfield, MRA Events Committee Chair

2023 Armchair Travels

Coming Armchair Travel videos (Kiesel Theatre; 2:00-3:30pm):



September 7th

- Greece, The Spartans

September 14th

- Lebanon
- U.S., Iowa, Ledges State Park

September 21st

- U.S., Florida, Artificial Reefs
- U.S., California, San Francisco, Alcatraz
- The Story of Kwanza

September 28th

- U.S., the Park to Park Highway 1
- Austria, Vienna Christmas

-Shane Estes, Resident

Kiesel Theatre Movie Showings

The Saturday Afternoon Movies Are Back (2:00pm)!

September 9th: *The King's Speech* (2010). When England's throne is suddenly thrust upon him, amidst royal family scandal and impending world war, King George VI (Colin Firth) must overcome a lifelong, debilitating speech impediment to lead his nation. His wife (Helena Bonham Carter) enlists an eccentric speech therapist (Geoffrey Rush). The two men forge a friendship that will empower the monarch to find his voice. R. 119 minutes. English subtitles.

September 16th: *The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming* (1966). Carl Reiner, Eva Marie Saint, Alan Arkin, Brian Keith, Jonathan Winters. When sightseeing Soviet commander (Arkin) runs his submarine aground off the New England Coast, his crew's attempts to find a boat to dislodge the sub almost starts World War III. This is a riotous, uproarious, and sidesplitting comedy. NR. 126 minutes. English subtitles.

September 23rd: *Born Yesterday* (1951). Judy Holliday and William Holden. Billie Dawn (Judy Holiday) is the "dumb blonde" girlfriend of Harry Brock (Broderick Crawford), a corrupt millionaire junk dealer. Brock is embarrassed by Billie's crass behavior, so he arranges for her to take a crash course in "culture" from a handsome, young journalist (William Holden). This is a classic comedy with unforgettable performances. B&W. NR, 102 minutes. English subtitles.

September 30th: *The Gods Must Be Crazy* (1980). For five thousand years, things have stayed pretty much the same for Xi (Nixau) and his fellow Bushmen. Then one day, an empty Coke bottle drops magically from the sky, and life goes topsy-turvy in the face of this generous "gift of the Gods". When Xi sets off to return the mystical present, he encounters a romantic microbiologist, a schoolteacher, and a band of terrorists, all enmeshed in a plot so insane, it could only happen in the

“civilized” world. An original and thought-provoking comedy. PG.109 minutes. English subtitles.

Mayflower Worship Opportunities



These two worship opportunities are offered by the Mayflower Residents Association Spiritual Life Committee:

- Weekly Devotions. Tuesdays. 11:00 – 11:40am. Carman Center. Prayer; scripture; stories. Relax; reflect; renew. Leader: Rev. Bonnie Lipton. No registration required.
- Bible Study. First and Third Thursdays. 11:00 – 12:00noon. Health Center Fireside Room (2nd floor). Leader: Rev. Anne Sunday.

-Pat Lipton, MRA Spiritual Life Committee Chair

“People of The Bible” Discussion Session

Resident Marilyn Schuler is leading a session entitled, “People of the Bible,” on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. 11:00-11:45am. Fireside Room (2nd floor of the Health Center). All are welcome. Please contact Marilyn Schuler (641-891-7760 or mschuler107@gmail.com) with questions.

-Rev. Anne Sunday, Resident

LYCEUM SCHEDULE

Thursday Evenings, 7:00pm
Carman Center
Guests of Residents Welcome

September 7th: Royce Wolf, pianist

September 14th: Sandy Moffett, reading from his latest novel

September 21st: Randye Jones, soprano, and Marlys Grimm, pianist (opera and gospel)

September 28th: Gene Wubbels and Shane Estes, residents leading a sing-along

-Bob Butterfield, MRA Events Committee Chair

Birthdays

Gloria Clay, Mari Duke, and Dennis Perri on September 2nd
Lynn Budding, Charlie Duke, Lois Oertwig, Suzy Rafferty, and Bob Williams on September 7th
Nancy Brown on September 12th
Doug Brown on September 15th
Mary Grey and Arloene Yungclas on September 17th

Informer Publication Schedule

Submission deadline September 8th for publication September 15th
Submission deadline September 22nd for publication September 29th
Submission deadline October 6th for publication October 13th
Submission deadline October 20th for publication October 27th
Submission deadline November 3rd for publication November 10th

In Memoriam:

John E. Saxton
Date of Birth: May 19, 1935
Date of Passing: August 20, 2023

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