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***Thank you GFE volunteers for another wonderful year with the schools. Your commitment to the students of Owatonna is an example of dedication to a cause we are all striving for, doing something for our children. Everywhere I go people thank us for being in the schools from teachers, office staff, parents, and students. Thank you!***

***Linda Breyer, GFE Chairperson***

### ***January 2020 Newsletter***

#### ***January Birthday's:***

***Alma Asbell, Alana Bunkers, Judy Horton-Holm, Grace Hosfield, Donald Johnson, Sharon Krohnberg, Mary Kruger, Bernadine Kuhn, Jackie Nelson, Delores Seykora, Karen***

***Soukup. To all of you a **Happy Birthday!*****

***Honored by the School Board  
Hopefully all of you saw the wonderful write up in the Owatonna Peoples Press on the recognition and the interviews with myself and other volunteers in the schools.***

#### ***Elk's Meat Raffle***

***GFE did the Elk's meat raffle every Wednesday in December on 4, 11, 18 as a fundraiser. Won't know the results until next month.***

#### ***Wilson Volunteer Needed***

***The Wilson library has one volunteer to help put books away on the shelves a couple days a week for an hour; but if anyone else is interested please let me know.***

***Keep in mind this will be a lot of bending and kneeling because all shelves are low to the floor for the elementary students.***

### **OHS School Play**

*The OHS winter musical is "Once upon a Mattress". It will be running 2 weekends in February. February 20 thru February 23 and February 28 and February 29. Keep those dates in mind.*

### **No School:**

*Wednesday, January 2, 2020*

*Friday, January 17, 2020*

*Monday, January 20, 2020*

### **Personal Notes:**

*Below is our list of volunteers on the mend, still waiting for surgeries, etc. I will keep you updated as things occur.*

*---Sondra von Arb is out an about again. Send cards to 1497 Autumn Drive SE, Owatonna, MN 55060*

*--Mary Overlee-Olson: she is recovering at the moment from her transplant and seems to be doing very well. Keep her in your prayers. Send cards to 360 Thomas Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060*

*--Marsha Christiansen is doing great and looking for visitors, please stop in for a visit. Send cards to Timberdale Trace Sr. Living, 334 Cedardale Dr. SE, Rm10, Owatonna, MN 55060*

*---Fred Ventura sends his love and best wishes to all at GFE. Send cards to 566 Maple Drive, Owatonna, MN 55060.*

*Please keep all of these wonderful volunteers in your prayers and drop them a line when you can.*

*If you know of anyone else who needs our support and prayers through surgery or a long illness, please let me know.*

### **GFE Board Members:**

*Linda Breyer, Chairperson*

*LaGene Akers, Co-Chair*

*LuAnn Lafky, Treasurer, Fin. Advisor*

*MaryAnne Higgins, Secretary*

*Cory Peters*

*Corinne Talley*

*Ron Barth*

*Ron and Sondra von Arb, Ex-Officio*

### **Board Meetings:**

*All members are invited to our Board meetings which are held every first Monday of the month at the Pizza Ranch in downtown Owatonna at 4:30 pm.*

### **A Christmas Story**

*I was out and about Christmas shopping and a young man approached me and asked if I was Grandma Linda. I said yes. He stated he remembered me from Wilson and OMS when he was in school and wanted to thank me because I was one of the fond memories he had of school. This is what we strive for in volunteering, making a difference. I'm sure many of you have similar stories to tell. If you'd like to share with us, please send them to me and I will get them in the newsletter.*