



# ROCK•TALK

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## GNA GENERAL MEETING: MARCH 30

The March meeting of the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association will be held on **Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 pm** at the BEAUTIFUL home of Jim Kieffer and Gary Lopez – 125 So. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Please bring a snack to share, and BYOB, as we always stay for some neighborhood snacking and socializing after taking care of Association news and business!

*Please* make it a point to come to the bi-monthly meetings. We need your input, suggestions, experience *and help* in making our neighborhood a clean, safe, wonderful place to live!



***We hope to see you there!***

## pebbles



*it's the little things that matter!*

It has been a privilege to serve as president of the Gibraltar Neighborhood for the last 3 years, and look forward to the new board's future endeavors!

~ outgoing GNA president Paulette Brandt

I am really happy to be getting back involved and look forward to more opportunities to contribute to the neighborhood.

~ incoming board member, Jeff Ketcham

I am excited serve as a new GNA Board member. My wife Ellen and I are enjoying living in the neighborhood. GNA has been a great way to get to know some of our neighbors who love living here as much as we do."

~ incoming board member, Bob Rosser

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Friday, February 28**  
Bluffs Arts Council Event  
6:30 pm
- **Saturday, March 1**  
Restore Omaha Conference  
8:00 am
- **Sunday, March 30**  
GNA General Meeting  
Kieffer/Lopez House  
2:00 p.m.

## THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING GNA BOARD MEMBERS:

Dave Adams  
Paulette Brandt  
Bud Dew  
Susie Dew  
Kent Madison  
Mary Madison

You have contributed so much to our neighborhood and our place in Council Bluffs! You are appreciated!!!



# FOOD . . .

Q: Related to the mint family, which herb's name is Greek for "joy of the mountain"?

Oregano  
Tarragon  
Sage  
Cilantro

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# FUN . . .



Friday, February 28th 6:30 p.m.  
St. Peter's Social Hall 1 Bluff Street

# AND FAMILY !!!



Congratulations to  
Paulette Brandt and Dave Eyre  
who were  
married on  
Valentine's Day  
in a small private ceremony!!!!

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# WHAT MAKES A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD?

1. Has a variety of functionalities that contribute to a resident's day-to-day living (i.e. residential, commercial, mixed-uses).
2. Accommodates multi-modal transportation (i.e. pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers).
3. Has design and architectural features that are visually interesting.
4. Encourages human contact and social activities.
5. Promotes community involvement and maintains a secure environment.
6. Promotes sustainability and responds to climatic demands.
7. Has a memorable character!!!

~ <https://www.planning.org/greatplaces/neighborhoods/characteristics.htm>



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would not be possible!!!!

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# LIBRARY CLASSES

## Microsoft Word for Beginners

Tuesday, March 11th 6:30-8:00pm or

Friday, March 14th 3:30-5:00pm or

Tuesday, March 25th 6:30-8:00pm

*Same class all three days*

Foundation Computer Lab

Learn to use all the great features Microsoft Word has to offer. For adults.

Keyboard and mouse skills are required for this class.

## Intermediate Microsoft Word

Wednesday, March 26th 6:30-8:00pm

Foundation Computer Lab

Improve your abilities to make the most of this popular word processing program. For adults.

Keyboard and mouse skills are required for this class.



Greetings fellow GNA residents!

I am excited to introduce myself as your new Gibraltar Neighborhood Association (GNA) President -- although I hope many of you are familiar with my name as I have been your GNA Newsletter editor for the past five years! As of this February, I pass the newsletter baton to the capable hands of Sheila Barak-Graham, and am taking a turn at the helm of your GNA board.

For those of you who don't know me personally, a bit about me: I was born and raised in the Gibraltar neighborhood, in the middle of the 200 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. At that time, there were about a dozen kids my age within a few block radius, and I had THE most amazing childhood climbing the hills in Fairmount Park, playing baseball and kickball in the big yard at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Clark, sledding down the alley behind my house and riding our bikes EVERYWHERE!

I graduated from A.L. in 1981, graduated from the U. of Iowa in 1985 (go Hawks!) and spent the next 15 years living in Iowa City and then Des Moines. In 2000, my (now ex) husband got a job transfer to Omaha, and we bought the house where I live now, at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street – back again on the same block I grew up – how amazing is that?!

It's been wonderful to see the improvements in Council Bluffs over the years, but one of the things I miss is the inter-connectedness that neighbors shared when I was a kid. It's a national epidemic: people keep more to themselves and don't spend as much time "talking over the fence" and socializing with their neighbors. Being involved with the GNA over the past five years has introduced me to many of my neighbors, and as a result has provided me with many new and rewarding friendships.

When neighbors know each other, they are more apt to keep an eye out for one another, more likely to offer a helping hand, more willing to go the extra mile to be courteous and conscientious about their property upkeep. Inter-connected neighbors benefit through improved safety, greater personal satisfaction from being "part of a community," and take more pride in ownership regarding their property.

My goal as your association president is to work harder at reaching out to all neighbors within our boundaries (which is a challenge due to GNA's LARGE geographic footprint) to increase resident participation and involvement. I will also work to provide a wider alternative of meeting dates and locations, in hopes that ALL residents will find at least a couple meeting dates that accommodate our busy schedules.

***Your meeting attendance is the first and easiest way to make acquaintances! And, as a reminder, you do not have to be a paid member to attend meetings – ALL GNA residents are welcome!***

Keep in mind that the GNA is NOT a homeowner's association – we have no rules or regulations that dictate what color your house can be, limit the height of your flagpole or any other nonsense like that. **The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association's primary objectives are to improve the daily living experience for all residents and leave the neighborhood better than the way we found it.**

I sincerely hope to see more new faces at our March meeting at the BEAUTIFUL home of Jim Kieffer and Gary Lopez – 125 So. 3<sup>rd</sup> on Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. Join us to meet your new board members, see the interior of this lovely historic home, and best of all – get to know your neighbors!

Sincerely,  
Cory Peters, GNA President

# OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: EMMET TINLEY EVEREST

In the last historical article in the Rock Talk I shared the life of Folsom Everest. I closed the article by introducing Mr. Folsom's Grandson, Mr. Emmet Tinley Everest. I said we would meet Emmet Tinley Everest in the next edition of Rock Talk. As promised, the following is his story.



**17173 EVEREST, EMMET TINLEY**  
**28 September 1926 - 07 September 1983**  
**Interment: Eureka Springs Cemetery, Eureka**  
**Springs, Arkansas.**  
**Aged 56 years.**



Emmet Tinley Everest was born September 28, 1926 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the youngest of three children, and the only son of Folsom and Elsie Pusey Everest. Having a father and an uncle, Charles B Everest, both senior officers in the Iowa National Guard, who served with distinction in the U.S. Army in World War I and in North Africa and Europe during World War II, and a second uncle, Frank F. Everest, USMA '28, who retired as an Air Force general in 1961, Emmet was inherently suited for a military career. From an early age, he felt a dedication to that lineage.

In preparation for entering West Point, "Em" attended Staunton Military Academy and enlisted in the Army Air Corps following graduation. He passed the West Point entrance exams with ease, entering the Academy with the Class of 1949. Besides meeting the daily challenge of academics, Emmet showed promise as a tumbler on the gymnastics team and was a cheerleader.

Following graduation, Emmet married Janice Shawler of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Following pilot training, and receiving his wings, he was assigned to a B-50 Air Refueling unit at Biggs Field, Texas, and, later to an Air Rescue unit at Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland. Emmet applied for, and was accepted by, the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for continuing education in aerospace engineering. This led to a maintenance engineering assignment at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida, followed by attendance at the Air Command and Staff College. From an overseas assignment at Woodbridge RAF Station, England, he returned to Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, then joined the F-111 program at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada and deployed with the squadron to Southeast Asia. Emmet concluded his active duty tour at Headquarters, TAC, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, retiring in 1970.

The Everests moved to St. Charles, Missouri to start a second career with the McDonnell Douglas F-18 program. After ten years of involvement in the development and acquisition by the Navy of the F-18, Emmet decided to retire and take up a long-dreamed-of plan. The family would move to the Ozarks, build a retirement home there, and then share in owning a tri-state midwestern wild flower nursery with Janice. But, as is so often the case, he died before he could complete the house or attain the nursery.

Janice and Em raised two sons, Emmet Tinley, Jr., and William. In 1980, Janice and Em took in a ward, Jerry D. McCormack, upon the untimely demise of his parents who had become close friends of the Everest family. Emmet was a devoted husband and father. He dedicated the better portion of his life to his family and to a vocation he truly loved: flying.

See you all next time for more of our history, Liz Matis

<http://www.west-point.org/users/usma1949/17173/>



## FROM THE PAST . . .

The ninth annual Restore Omaha Conference will be held on Saturday, March 1, at Metropolitan Community College's South Campus, 27th and Q Streets.

This year's conference opens with a reception from 7 to 10 pm on Friday, February 28, sponsored by Lund-Ross Constructors featuring "Sneak Peek" tours of the KETV restoration of their new home at The Burlington Station. Participants will meet for drinks and hors d'oeuvres at the nearby Durham Museum.

Saturday's conference runs from 8 to 5 pm. Bernice Radle, a young preservationist who is saving homes from demolition, will open the conference. Attendees choose from three educational sessions, live demonstrations, and a host of exhibitors. Lunch will be provided.

Eighteen breakout sessions will happen throughout the day ranging from historic paint colors, recreating historic landscapes, remodeling kitchens in historic homes to the restoration of the Rose Theater and the Burlington Station.

At the Restore Jam attendees are invited to share before-and-after photos of their own restoration project.

Cost to attend both the reception and conference is \$60 (\$40 for conference only, \$25 reception only). RE members receive a discount. For more information and to register, visit [www.restoreomaha.org](http://www.restoreomaha.org) or call (402) 679-5854.

## TO THE PRESENT . . .

As anticipated since last year, MSCB's board of directors recently voted to rename the organization as 'Bluffs Downtown.' "We wanted a name that readily conveys our mission," says Joshua Barbee, Executive Director of Bluffs Downtown. "We feel that 'Bluffs Downtown' more readily communicates the purpose of our organization; it says who we are, where we are, and what we are focusing on."



Bluffs Downtown board member and Promotions committee chair Matt Johnson projects, "The year 2014 will be the best year yet for Bluffs Downtown. We have an exciting calendar of events planned for downtown! We are organizing three street dances, three fun runs, two nighttime bike rides, and hopefully, a harvest-type festival. And of course, the Main Street Farmers Market will continue to be held Thursdays on the 100 Block of West Broadway, May through September. We are finalizing the calendar of events and will share it with you soon."



## . . . AND ONTO THE FUTURE !!!

The City of Council Bluffs announced a new way to pay for parking at city parking meters. Visitors and residents will soon be able to pay for parking at all city-owned parking meters with their mobile phone. It will even provide parking reminders that your paid time is about to expire.

Through an agreement with the City of Omaha, residents will also be able to use the system to pay for metered parking in Omaha, with Omaha residents having the same option in Council Bluffs. For those who would like to continue to pay with coins, that option will remain unchanged.

For additional information, please visit: [www.passportparking.com](http://www.passportparking.com).

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We welcome your input!  
Please contact us with  
suggestions on content  
you want to see covered.

# FOOD BY THE FAMILY-FUL

*Beyond merely nourishing the body, what we eat and with whom we eat can inspire and strengthen the bonds between individuals, communities, and even countries.*  
- Pie in the Sky Productions

## GERALDINE DODSON COCKTAIL DIP (Cory Peters' Grandmother!)

- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1 Tbsp finely chopped parsley
- 1 Tbsp finely minced onion
- 1 tsp dill weed
- 1 tsp beau monde

Mix all together and serve with  
veggies or potato chips.  
Can also be thinned out for  
salad dressing.



# FOOD QUIZ

Q: Related to the mint family, which herb's name is Greek for "joy of the mountain"?  
Oregano      Tarragon      Sage      Cilantro

A: Oregano.  
This herb gained popularity in the U.S. after World War II when soldiers returning from war brought a taste for foods that they discovered in Italy.  
The term oregano has been used for over half a dozen species from the mint and Verbenaceae families.  
Some herbs, such as Savory and Mexican oregano are substituted for European oregano (which is primarily grown in Northwest Turkey).



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## Gibraltar Neighborhood Association: Membership Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Become a Gibraltar Neighborhood Association Member!!** Yearly dues are \$25 per household. In order to be eligible to vote for board candidates and other issues, you must be a paid association member. Make checks payable to and mail payment to:

**Gibraltar Neighborhood Association P.O. Box 1971 Council Bluffs, IA 51502-1971**