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Meet Dr. Martha (Terry) Peck

**Resident of SunnyBrook of Fort Madison
Optometrist, Pilot, World Traveler**

Martha's career choice was influenced by her father, Dr. Terry Sullivan, who was an optometrist. Originally residents of Hamburg, Iowa, the family moved to Shenandoah where Dr. Sullivan established his practice. Martha's father encouraged and supported her desire to attend the Pennsylvania College of Optometry where she began her studies, later graduating from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry as one of only five women in the class of 1936. Martha returned to Shenandoah and worked in her father's practice until she married Glenn Peck and moved to Fort Madison in 1937.



The manner in which Martha became "Terry" is a story all its own. It happened all because of a clerical error when she registered for college. Martha's father, Terry, signed her enrollment papers, and the college admissions office entered into their records the name of Terry, not Martha, as the student's name.

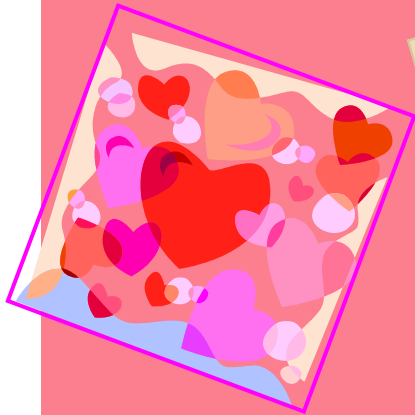
So in actuality, the college changed her name, but she liked it and decided to keep her new nickname! There are probably many of her acquaintances today who may not know that Martha is actually her birth name.

After time off to raise her family, Terry returned to school in the 1960s to learn about the new revolution in eyecare – contact lenses.



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Martha Sullivan Peck

It was also about this time that Terry and Glenn decided to take flying lessons – mainly to overcome his fear of flying. Terry discovered that she was good at flying a plane and subsequently obtained her pilot's license.

With fear of flying no longer an issue, the couple decided to indulge their love of travel by exploring the United States. Their adventuresome spirits soon took them to the far corners of the earth. The first thing they would do when visiting a new place would be to purchase a charm that represented the country in some way.

There was a large map on their office wall on which all of their travel destinations were marked with a tiny red pin and one of those commemorative charms. Among the list of over 70 countries they visited were Argentina, Brazil, China, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Haiti, Hawaii, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Nepal, Monaco, Panama, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Tobago, Turkey and Zimbabwe, just to name a few.

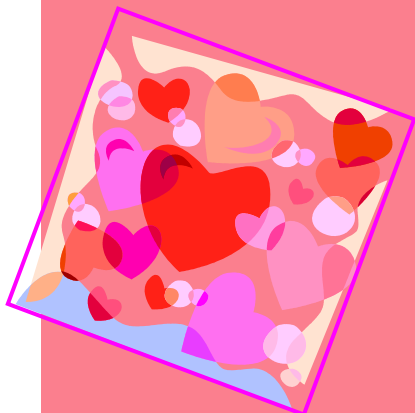


Dr. Martha (Terry) Peck and her father, Dr. Terry Sullivan

Terry's husband Glenn passed away a few years ago. The couple's son, Larry followed in his parents' footsteps by becoming an optometrist and now runs the family business which has existed in Fort Madison for 75 years and known as Fort Madison Eye Clinic.

Terry's memories from the many countries she has visited are vast and colorful. She recalls the places of great beauty and the places she has no desire to return to. Terry has traveled by nearly every mode of transportation and has experienced many different cultures. How fortunate she is to have lived her life to the fullest, to have had adventures and fun along the way and enjoyed it all.

Resources: Comeaux, Jeanene M. A life that has spanned the globe. *Daily Democrat* (Living Well supplement) (2005, June 10), p. 8; Vance, Diane. Three generations of eye doctors provide care to Tri-State area. *Daily Gate City* (Generation to Generation edition) (2006, June 15), p.B-1.



Wedding Memories

We'd like to take this opportunity to extend belated congratulations and best wishes to staff members Jessica Mueller and her husband who were married on October 1, 2011 and to Bruce Boehm, Jr. and his wife who were married on November 1, 2011. Jessica is Assisted Living Manager at SunnyBrook of Fort Madison, and Bruce is Assisted Living Manager at SunnyBrook of Carroll.

But wait.....there's more. Each of these couples are *HUGE* football fans, and (if you can believe this) they planned their weddings so as not to conflict with the home games of their favorite teams – Jessica's team is the University of Iowa Hawkeyes, and Bruce's team is the Iowa State University Cyclones.



Jessica Mueller-Umthun and her husband.



Bruce Boehm, Jr. and his wife.



KIDS ON LOVE AND MARRIAGE

How do you decide who to marry?

"You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. If you like sports, she should like it too, and she should keep the chips and dip coming." Alan, age 10

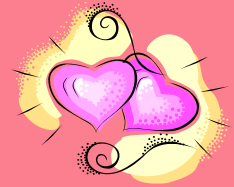
When is it ok to kiss someone?

"When they're rich." Pam, age 7

"The law says you have to be 18, so I wouldn't want to mess with that." Curt, age 7

Is it better to be single or married?

"It's better for girls to be single, but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them." Anita, age 9





Fundraiser for Muscatine Symphony Orchestra

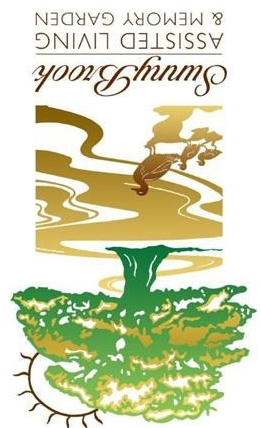
On January 8, several members of the Muscatine Symphony Orchestra presented a concert from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at SunnyBrook of Muscatine to express their appreciation to the community, the residents and their families for their efforts in raising \$1,511 to support the Symphony Orchestra. It was a wonderful afternoon of outstanding music enjoyed by all who attended the event.

Pictured left to right: SunnyBrook president and CEO, James Elliott; Symphony conductor, Brian Dollingerer; Carolyn Airola with Muscatine Symphony; and SunnyBrook of Muscatine manager, Sarah Ingstad.

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