



## George Siers

March 29, 1928 - Sept. 22, 2017



FORT COLLINS, COLORADO – George J. Siers, age 89, of Fort Collins, Colorado, formerly of Fremont, passed away Friday, Sept. 22, 2017, in Omaha.

George was born near Arlington on March 29, 1928, to William and Margaret Siercks. He lived in Beatrice, Fremont and Missouri before retiring to Palm Springs, California. He spent his last years living in Fort Collins. He attended Fremont Public Schools and Midland Lutheran College where he obtained a BS in Business Administration, 1957. He also attended Syracuse University School of Sales Management & Marketing, 1967.

He began his career on his 22nd birthday as a retail store manager and part owner, 1952. He then joined the

U.S. Army and served with the Military Police where he served in Japan, 1952-1954. George earned his honorable discharge with Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and National Defense Medal. Following his military career he worked for Tote Systems in Beatrice, serving as the General Sales Manager from 1957-1970. He also worked for Hoover Ball & Bearing serving as Vice President of Sales & Marketing, Erwin, Tennessee, from 1970-1972. George also worked for Pathfinder Companies, where he served as President, from 1975 until the time of his passing.

George was very involved in the communities that he lived in. He served on many boards including Fremont, Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, Eagles, Beatrice – Board of Trustees John J. Pershing College, Masonic Lodge, Nebraska York Rite of Freemasonry, Royal Order of Jesters, Lincoln – Sesostris Shrine Temple, Past President Blue Valley Shrine Club, Nebraska – Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska, New York – American Legion Post No. 20, Tennessee – Organized and served as first President of Unicol County, Tennessee, Chamber of Commerce, Elks Club

He was a member of the Church of Christ Church in Beatrice, as well as St. James Episcopal Church in Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia Murphy in 2006.

He is survived by his two children, Jay Siers and Gigi Siers; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and special friend, Barbara Anderson.

Condolences may be left at [www.duganchapel.com](http://www.duganchapel.com) Memorials may be directed to Child Savings Institute of Omaha.

Memorial service will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. at Dugan Funeral Chapel. Military honors will be conducted by VFW Post 854 and American Legion Post 20 following the memorial service at Dugan Funeral Chapel. Gathering will follow at J's Steakhouse.



# *Rotarians Donate Dictionaries to Calvert Elementary Third Grade Class*

**AUBURN ROTARIANS** Nancy Fuller, Joe Casey, Elaine Hanson, Jason Hogue and Scott Kudrna visited Calvert Elementary last Wednesday morning to present each third grader with a dictionary. Each year the Rotary Club donates every third grader with their own dictionary. The presentation is a small part of what the Rotary club does annually throughout the community and the third graders really appreciate the books as their very own. 51 students received dictionaries in the third grade class. Third grade teachers at Calvert Elementary are Lacy Gerdes, Katie DeBuhr and Amber Meyer. Basic education and

literacy is one of Rotary's areas of focus throughout the world.





## Rotary Club donates dictionaries to LCC third graders

WAYNE — The Wayne Rotary Club has donated new dictionaries to third graders in area schools.

All the third graders in 12 area schools will get their own dictionaries through this program.

Area students receiving the dictionaries include the following schools: Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Wayne, Wayne St. Mary's, Winside, Wisner-Pilger, Pender, Emerson-Hubbard, Wakefield, Allen, Walthill, Winnebago, and Omaha Nation.

The goal of this project is to assist students to complete the school year as good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers by having their own personal dictionary.

Third graders in Amber Boubin and Denise Kinkaid's classes all received the dictionaries.

Rotarians who assisted with distribution in this school were Darrell Miller (chair for this project) and Bob Ensz.

The Wayne Rotary Club has given away over 3,000 dictionaries since the project started in 2007.

The Rotary Dictionary Project is striving to give every third grade student in the U.S. their own dictionary. Over two million children received a dictionary in 2016.



# Public Schools Advantage discussed at Rotary



**Dr. Keith Rohwer, former Nebraska City Public Schools superintendent, spoke to the Nebraska City Rotary Club Wednesday about his work as an ambassador for public schools across the state.**

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Members of the Nebraska City Rotary Club learned how to advocate for public schools during their weekly meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Eagles Club at 600 1st Corso.

Dr. Keith Rohwer, former Nebraska City Public Schools superintendent, spoke to the club about his new role as an ambassador for the Nebraska Council of School Administrators.

Rohwer said he and two other retired superintendents, Kyle McGowan and Cinde Wendell, travel the state, sharing the good news about what's going on in Nebraska public schools.

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Rohwer began his presentation by asking the audience to identify some of the challenges facing public schools, then he asked audience members how they would respond to those challenges.

Some of the challenges the audience identified were funding, school safety, parental involvement in schools, how the United States ranks internationally with public education, and alternative programming for students who cannot succeed in a traditional classroom setting.

Rohwer told the audience about additional challenges facing the state's public schools, including a 113 percent increase in the number of English Language Learners in the state's student population in the past 17 years.

Rohwer noted that at Lincoln High School along, 30 languages are spoken by members of the student body.

Nebraska Public Schools Advantage, an organization that promotes the benefits of public education state-wide, has begun a series of public service announcements and short films that share some of what's going on in public schools across Nebraska.

These films can be seen at <http://nelovesps.org>.

The films "give you a flavor of the different activities at Nebraska public schools," said Rohwer.

The Nebraska City Rotary Club meets at noon Wednesdays at the Eagles Club, 600 1st Corso. Guests pay \$9 for lunch.