



Ventas Seniors Housing Community Serves as Home to World's Oldest Man

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World-Famous Supercentarian, Walter Breuning, Anticipates 114th Birthday

CHICAGO, Sep 14, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) --

Ventas, Inc. (NYSE:VTR) ("Ventas" or the "Company") said today that one of its seniors housing communities has served as the home of Walter Breuning, certified by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's oldest living man at 113 years of age, for the last 30 years. Born September 21, 1896, the American supercentarian who resides at The Rainbow Senior Living in Great Falls, Montana will soon celebrate his 114th birthday with a celebration at the community.

"We are so proud to have such a distinguished and wise gentleman as one of our residents," Ventas Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Debra A. Cafaro said. "Walter embodies so many wonderful qualities and is generous with his time, perspective and wisdom to others. He imparts upon all of us the benefits of living a good life."

Prior to the upcoming birthday celebration, Walter invited people from around the world to pose questions to him. Many people responded, asking questions ranging from the practical to just plain curious. Walter, never shy to share his good thoughts, enjoyed reading and answering the questions. His age and experience gives him a perspective on life not shared by many others, and his answers are pure Walter.

Walter's Answers to His Top 5 List of Favorite Questions

1. What is your advice to today's youth?

Stay in school and get as much education as possible, work as long as you can (I worked until I was 99) and always help others...

2. What did you do for fun when you were young?

We made things up for ourselves to do.

3. What is your favorite music?

The music today is screeching. I liked Sinatra, the Rat Pack, and Bing Crosby.

4. What was the first movie you ever saw?

The first "talkie" that I saw was *The Jazz Singer* with Al Jolson. When it came to Great Falls, there were lines around the corner to see the movie.

5. What was your favorite decade?

I liked them all. There were good things in every decade.

Walter was born in Melrose, Minnesota to John and Cora Morehouse Breuning. He attended school in De Smet, South Dakota until the age of 14, when he landed his first job scraping bakery pans for \$2.50 a week. In 1913, he joined the Great Northern Railway, where he worked for the next 50 years. He married his wife, the late Agnes Breuning (née Twokey), in 1922.

Dressed in a suit and tie each day, Walter remains in excellent health, attributing his long life to eating well and keeping physically and mentally active. He takes just one aspirin a day and is quite the conversationalist with a sharp mind and accurate memory. His motto: "If you keep your mind busy and keep your body busy, you're going to be around a long time."

Ventas, Inc., an S&P 500 company, is a leading healthcare real estate investment trust. Its diverse portfolio of approximately 600 assets in 44 states (including the District of Columbia) and two Canadian provinces consists of seniors housing communities, skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, medical office buildings and other properties. Through its Lillibridge subsidiary, Ventas provides management, leasing, marketing, facility development and advisory services to highly rated hospitals and health systems throughout the United States. More information about Ventas and Lillibridge can be found at www.ventasreit.com and www.lillibridge.com.

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