



Susan's Letter to Senate Representative Evan J. Vickers

Martin Tyner - Federally licensed, wildlife rehabilitator, wildlife and environmental educator.

For 50 years Mr. Tyner, as a volunteer, has been caring for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife and has been providing wildlife educational outreach programs for schools, scout groups, eagle court of honors and community events throughout the western United States.

Mr. Tyner is personally responsible for the rescue, rehabilitation and release of thousands of native Utah wildlife and has provided an opportunity for hundreds of thousands of school children and adults to have an up-close and personal experience with his wildlife ambassadors, including his best friend, Scout, the golden eagle.

Mr. Tyner and his wife Susan founded the Southwest Wildlife Foundation 20 years ago.

With a generous gift from PacifiCorp/ Scottish Power/ Rocky Mountain Power of 22.6 acres of beautiful canyon property on Highway 14 in Cedar City, the Tyner's with a dedicated group of volunteers, are developing the Cedar Canyon Nature Park to continue to educate future generations about the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin ecosystems.

The reason for the Tyner's visit to Salt Lake City is to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Tyner has requested this opportunity to publicly acknowledge her husband's lifelong dedication and service to not only the wildlife and the people of Utah, but for his love and devotion as a husband, a father and her best friend.

If appropriate, Susan would like to read this statement below:

I want to thank Senate Representative Evan J. Vickers for allowing me to take a moment of your time to publicly acknowledge my husband, Martin Tyner, my best friend and the love of my life for his lifelong service and dedication to wildlife, community, the Great State of Utah and beyond.

For our 40th wedding anniversary I would like to tell my husband how proud I am of him for following his grandfather's wise teachings, "To get up every morning and do Good." And Yes this April will mark 50 years that Martin has dedicated his life, love and devotion to wildlife and his educational programs to help make our world a better place.

Martin tells his audience at his programs, "I am the luckiest man on earth to have found such a wonderful, beautiful, sweet, young lady to have put up with me for all of these years."

The truth of the matter is I'm the lucky one. I am blessed to have such an amazing and loving husband. And although Martin might feel that he has no special skills or talents. Everyone that knows Martin well, understands his gifts and that he has lived an amazing life of service and dedication.

I love you Sweetheart. Happy 40th Anniversary!

Susan