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### Thank You . . .

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and for caring for our Dad and Mom for the past couple of years. Reedley is fortunate to have such a caring senior facility.

The Family of Fred and Florence Ketscher

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# In the Company of Friends

## January 2018



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

**"HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!"**

**"Tempus Fugit"** This Latin phrase came to mind as my son unwrapped one of his Christmas gifts. As the wrapping came off of this 3-foot box, a sparkly wall clock came to life. Besides keeping time, this designer clock plays hymns, songs and Christmas carols and all with the theme of *It's a Small World*. It is powered by four D batteries. Like so many clocks, especially of the grandfather's and grandmother's kind, there is the phrase **"Tempus Fugit"** printed on them. The Latin is translated to "Time Flies." Clock companies added this motto to the face of the clocks long ago.

The full phrase **"fugit inreparabile tempus"** comes from Virgil's Georgics meaning "time escapes and it is irretrievable." As we look back at the happenings of 2017 and look forward to the 2018 adventures during this New Year's time, the overshadowing reflection is that time flies like the wind. I have not met anyone that thinks that 2017 was a slow year; indeed, with all the breaking news happenings on a daily basis, the time definitely flew.

We watched as our two and five-year-old granddaughters opened packages on Christmas morning, the thought that wasn't it just a few years ago that our children were doing this. Now they are in their 30's and wow the time has flown by! The five-year-old comments how long she waited for this Christmas morning "it seemed forever." She should only know.

Perhaps that's why seniors are a little more wiser. They understand this concept of lost time a lot better. They put a value on time spent with others and not looking for the next deadline or thing to accomplish. So, as we move into the New Year, let us revel in the day and even the moment and not be so concerned about the future. Let us take Chaplain Arlie's advice in this newsletter and spend more time reflecting and meditating on our God and be present to Him as He is present to us.

May God give you many blessings in 2018 and the where-withal to not be so busy to be thankful for them.

**"Happy New Year"**

*Vito Genna*

## Chaplain . . .

Arlee Johnson is taking a two and a half month leave from his duties as chaplain of Sierra View Homes. He plans to visit his son in Kansas for this extended period of time. In his absence, we welcome Caley Ortman as our Interim Chaplain. Caley is a youth Pastor at First Mennonite Church. He recently graduated from Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. Caley comes from Freeman, South Dakota, where he graduated from Freeman Academy. His college degree is from Bethel Collge in North Newton, Kansas. Ministry is Caley's passion and he is excited to join us here at Sierra View Homes.

## Fetch a Pail of Water . . .

During the month of December and into January, we are replacing the hot water tanks in most of our Garden Apartments. Already, some 30 tanks have been replaced with modern quick release and efficient water tanks. The earthquake straps have been replaced as well. Zweigle Plumbing has been swapping the tanks out at the rate of two per day. Since the hot water comes quickly, the regulators have been adjusted as well.

## Annual Meeting . . .

Sierra View Homes will hold its Annual Corporation Meeting in the Terraces lobby at 6:30 p.m. on February 15, 2018. Proxy votes will be sent out early in January with a closing date of January 15, 2018. Larry Harder, Irvin Isaak and Ted Loewen have completed their first three-year term and are eligible to run for a second term. All three have agreed to run for a second term and the Nomination Committee has accepted their names for the board election to take place at the corporate meeting. Please call Kecia, Administrative Assistant, for any further information.

# ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY BOWL GAMES

Mineral King Room and Founders

Join us for refreshments and merriment to

Welcome in the New Year

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 at 11:30 A.M.

## Epiphany Lunch

Please RSVP to the office by Friday, January 5

Cost - \$6:00

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018 at 11:30 A.M.

## SPECIAL SOUP LUNCH

Kings Canyon or Founders Dining

Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday, January 10

Cost - \$6:00

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 at 11:30 A.M.

## SPECIAL AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

The Sierra View Homes Auxiliary would like to extend to you an invitation to attend a complimentary luncheon in the Terrace lobby. A presentation will be provided on what the Auxiliary does and what you can do to be a part of this worthwhile organization that benefits the residents of Sierra View Homes. Come join us for a time of fellowship, lunch and good information.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

## NEW YEAR'S COOKIES

Kings Canyon Room

# RESOLUTION FOR 2018 . . .

The coming of the New Year gives us cause to think of resolutions. The ancient Babylonians may have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. Later, the Romans began each year by making promises to the god Janus, for whom the month of January is named. Most of us, however are not too committed to making or keeping New Year's resolutions.

The most often mentioned resolutions relate to weight, health and diet, followed by money and debt, personal improvement—including being a better person, being more generous, having more leisure time, etc.—addiction, career, spirituality or church, and education. David Kinnaman, president of the Barna Group, commented on the findings for 2011 resolution study: “Only 9 out of more than 1,000 survey respondents mentioned that one of their objectives for next year was getting closer to God in some way. Even in the rare instance when people mention spiritual goals, it is often about activity undertaken for God rather than a personal pursuit of God or an experience with God.”

In a sense, however, all of us make resolutions concerning what we will do and how we will go about it. We call it “planning.” You may already know that my wife, JoAnn, and I are planning for me to take a leave of absence from my work here at Sierra View beginning January 1 and extending into early or mid-March. During that time we will be visiting our son and his family in Newton, Kansas. We have decided to do this in an effort to help me overcome some health issues which doctors say are related to the air quality here in the San Joaquin Valley.

However, our plans must always be subject to the Lord's will. The words of the apostle James recorded in James 4:13-15 of the New Testament remind us: “Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money. Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.’”

Certainly, JoAnn and I will miss so many of you who live or work here at Sierra View during the next two months. And, although we believe this is the Lord's will for us now, we may come to believe differently sometime later. Pray for us, as we pray for you, that we will be faithful to God's will as it becomes clear to us. May 2018 find each of us drawing nearer to God and experiencing His love, care, and grace as we seek to follow Him.

Arlee Johnson, Chaplain

# SIERRA VIEW HOMES

# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

# JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday <small>(RCF)=Residential Care Facility (KC/FR)=Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room</small>	Tuesday <small>Daily activities are posted on the white boards in the Residential Care Facility</small>	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>10:15am-New Year's Day Parade &amp; Cinnamon Rolls (RCF)</b> <b>2:00pm-New Year's Day Bowl Games &amp; Snacks (RCF)</b>  <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	2 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:00am-Sittercise 2:00pm-Bingo 2:00pm-Caregiver Support Group (KC)	3 10:00am-Sittercise 10:30am-Resident Council (RCF) 2:00pm-Mystery Drive	4 10:00am-Art with Sonny (RCF) 2:00pm-Bingo 3:00pm-Catholic Service	5 9:00am-Chats Chapel 10:00am-Sittercise 1:00pm-Movie (KC) (Steve McQueen))	6 10:00am-Jingo <b>11:30am-Epiphany Luncheon (KC)</b> 2:00pm-Nails (RCF)  (Day of Epiphany)
7 9:45am-Church Service Paul & Ruth Buxman/ Rodger Neufeld 2:00pm-Game Time (RCF)	8 10:00am-Sittercise 10:30am-Memory Jogger <b>2:00 pm-January Residential Care Birthday Party (RCF)</b>	9 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:00am-Sittercise 2:00pm-Bingo	10 10:00am-Sittercise 10:30am-Table Talk <b>2:00pm-Bible Study (KC)</b>	11 10:00am-Art with Sonny (RCF) <b>12:00pm-Soup Luncheon (KC)</b> 2:00pm-Bingo 3:00pm-Catholic Service	12 9:00am-Chats Chapel 1:00pm-Movie (KC) (Facing The Giants)	13 10:00am-Jingo 2:00pm- Crafts (RCF)
14 9:45am-Church Service Matt Harder/Jenny Penner 2:00pm-Nails (RCF) <b>6:30pm-Hymn Sing (KC)</b>	15 10:00am-Sittercise 10:30am-Memory Jogger 2:00pm-Winter Refreshments (KC)	16 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:00am-Sittercise 2:00pm-Bingo	17 10:00am-Sittercise 10:30am-Table Talk 2:00pm-Donut & Coffee Social (RCF)	18 10:00am-Art with Sonny (RCF) <b>10:00am-Christ Lutheran Church Gathering (KC)</b> <b>11:30am-Sierra View Annual Auxiliary Luncheon (Terraces)</b> 11:45am-Gordon & Yvonne Turner (KC) 2:00pm-Bingo 3:00pm-Catholic Service	19 9:00am-Chats Chapel 10:00am-Sittercise 1:00pm-Movie (KC) (Game Plan)	20 10:00am-Jingo 2:00pm-Nails (RCF)
21 9:45am-Church Service Gordon & Yvonne Turner 2:00pm-Game Time (RCF)	22 10:00am-Sittercise 10:30am-Memory Jogger 2:00pm-Table Top Cooking (RCF)	23 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:00am-Sittercise 2:00pm-Bingo	24 10:00am-Sittercise 10:30am-Table Talk 11:45am-Ron Surabian (RCF) <b>2:00pm-Bible Study (KC)</b>	25 10:00am-Art with Sonny (RCF) 2:00pm-Bingo (KC) 3:00pm-Catholic Service	26 9:00pm-Chats Chapel 10:00am-Sittercise 1:00pm-Movie (KC) (Angels in the Outfield)	27 10:00am-Jingo 2:00pm-Crafts (RCF)
28 9:45am-Church Service /Cathy Albrecht 2:00pm-Nails (RCF) <b>6:30pm-Vesper Service (KC)</b>	29 10:00am-Sittercise 10:00pm-Food Committee Meeting (KC) 10:30am-Memory Jogger 2:00pm-Winter Refreshments (KC)	30 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:00am-Sittercise 2:00pm-Bingo	31 10:00am-Sittercise 10:30am-Table Talk <b>2:00pm-New Year's Cookies (KC)</b>			