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Our Warmest Regards . . .

Thank you to all the staff at Sierra View who worked with our mother, Marianna Habegger. She was a resident of Assisted Living from 2010 to the end of last year and then spent her last days in Skilled Nursing. We are so appreciative of the compassionate care that she received throughout her time here. Sierra View's caring community helped Mom to live her life as fully as possible for these many years.

The Family of Marianna Habegger

Marianna and Dr. Marden Habegger came to Independent Living 7/1/1994

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In the Company of Friends

February 2018



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

Happy February. I hear some already talking about New Year's resolutions not being met. You are not alone, according to studies, 92 percent of the New Year's resolutions fail. I don't know how they get that statistic, but empirically we all know there's a lot of giving up on resolutions.

Recently, I heard an author's presentation discuss that the reason that resolutions fail are that they don't start with the small steps and we are too often looking for perfection. Indeed, some don't even start a resolution because the perfect goal is too elusive. This author also reports that a goal that is unfulfilled may grow dim, but it never goes dark. So there's always hope

I would like to share a collective goal on a Sierra View Homes building project. We are working with a Fresno architect group, The Taylor Group, to draw and implement a plan to redo the front entryway to the Administration office and to extend our Kings Canyon Room about 1600 square feet. The Administration building will go through our local city planning, where we put a front entrance to the east side of the building facing the parking lot. The Kings Canyon Room expansion has to be built to hospital specifications, therefore, it has to be approved through the state Office of State-wide Health Planning and Development. As the long name of the state office implies, it takes an extended time to receive approval and it easily adds 30 percent to any building costs. But our goal is to complete these building projects this year. More discussion will follow at the Corporation meeting on February 15, 2018, the day after Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday.

The beginning of Lent and Valentine's Day seems a paradox, but lets hope we see more love and respect for each other and peaceful friendly conversations. Some staff members participated in the San Francisco March For Life, and they reported the least amount of hecklers this year. Perhaps respect for the Sanctity of Life, a true means to Peace, is catching on.

Have a great February!

Vito Genna

The Terraces Anniversary . . .

For those seeking independence, and those seeking support

For those seeking solitude

For those seeking safety, and those seeking action

Bless this house, O Lord.

For men and women

For widows and widowers

For couples and singles

For elders of every race

Bless this house, O Lord.

For family and friends

For cleaning crews and maintenance workers

For administrators and guests

Bless this house, O Lord.

As a place of hope and laughter,

Hugs and tears

Bless this house, O Lord.

As a place of safety and freedom,

Privacy and togetherness,

Nourishment and rest

Bless this house, O Lord.

As a place of ministry, where our older generations may give and receive hospitality, healing, and hope from the staff here

at Sierra View Homes and from one another

Bless this house, O Lord.

May this house, the people who live in it,

and the people who serve it,

be a reflection of God's steadfast love for his people.

Amen.

In celebration of the Terraces beginning its Sixth-Year Anniversary, we reprint this dedication written by Laura Neufeld-Goerzen, Chaplain of Sierra View Homes at the time. Laura now pastors a church in Kansas.

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

SUPER BOWL PRE-GAME

Philadelphia Eagles vs. New England Patriots

Come enjoy refreshments and snacks

Mineral King Room and Founders Dining

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 at 7:00-8:30 A.M.

ANNUAL SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

Enjoy freshly made waffles with

all the toppings and breakfast side dishes!

Please RSVP to the office by Friday, February 9

Cost - \$5.00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room and Founders Dining

Cost - \$6.00

Stay tuned for our Blossom Trail Drives!

Auxiliary and Corporation News . . .

Sierra View Homes Auxiliary will hold its annual meeting on February 15, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrace Lobby. The activities and expenditures for the year of 2017 will be discussed. Officers will be reinstalled. Members and potential members are welcome.

There will be a break from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for cookies/pastries and refreshments.

The Annual Sierra View Homes Corporation Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., following the auxiliary meeting. 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. Annual reports will be given out during the meeting.

God's Plans Are Always Best . . .

This month in our Sierra View Retirement Community Bible Studies we have been taking a look at the book of Acts. We put ourselves into the world as it existed for the disciples as they pondered Jesus' final words to them in 1:8 before he ascended and disappeared from their sight: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

We can imagine the awe and wonder at witnessing Jesus' ascension into heaven, yet also the sadness and dismay that accompanied those feelings as the reality sunk in that the teacher and friend who over the years had become so much more, was no longer with them. Who would be there to answer their questions? To calm and assure them? To give them a sense of direction?

What good news it is to discover in the chapter that follows, that God had a plan all along. He would bestow on them the Holy Spirit, which was breathed upon them from heaven, entering with the sound of a violent wind and resting on each as a tongue of flame, comprehensible to each in their own language.

The first chapters of Acts describes the stone tossed in the pond, whose ripples emanated through Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria and continue ever outward with us today as we proclaim the good news of the Gospel message in the contexts God has placed in us. We carry on this sacred task, emboldened by the witness of the earliest believers and with the comfort that the Holy Spirit accompanies us still.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain