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### Truly Grateful . . .

Thank you so much for the beautiful yellow E. begonia. Dad is enjoying it in his apartment. We are so thankful for the commitment of the staff in ensuring that the residents are lovingly, kindly, and completely cared for.

Love, The Flippen Family

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# In the Company of Friends

## March 2018



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

No fooling, this year's Easter is being celebrated on Sunday, April 1, 2018, but before that blessed day, there's plenty of March Activities to keep us busy. Perhaps we will see blossoms a little longer as we look forward to Spring's beginnings.

Sierra View Retirement Community notified the City Planning Department that we would like to change the front entry way of the Administration Office. The existing canopy and doorway would be relocated to the parking side of the building. Besides making it a more welcoming entry for residents and visitors, it will allow more space between the office and the proposed dining room expansion.

A couple of weeks ago, Adriana and I received a call from our son checking our plans for the next couple of weeks. His daughter, Liliana, was in need of a "child sitter fill-in." So Adriana flew down and has been spending a bit of time child sitting for her granddaughter in San Diego. Not that she minds it. This two and a half year-old loves the extra attention and grandma is enjoying her time with her. Liliana's sister, Sofia in kindergarten, is a bit jealous. But all are doing well.

As for me, it has put me in bachelor mode. Of course, I have the cat and dog to keep me company. When our kids were young, they were not pleased with mom's absence. They knew that all the cooking would be stir fry. So far, I'm not complaining; as long as there is something to sauté it's in the pan. "Mrs. Dash" goes a long way in forgiving the melded flavors. Even though my dog has her own food, she still nestles close under the table hoping for some droppings. It's not much of a sacrifice making my own food during Lent. I will have to look for other sacrifices as we forge ahead to Easter.

We remember with awe the suffering and sacrifice that Jesus has done for us. The Cross came before the Easter. Have a great March!

*Vito Genna*

## Dear Sierra View Family . . .

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and all the loving care that so many on your staff gave towards our dear mother, Fern. So much love and tender care was given to her and especially on her last day, so much comfort and understanding was given to us her family.

Thank you so much,  
The Unruh Family

## Board Stuff . . .

The 58th Annual Corporation Meeting was held on February 16, with 5,246 shares counted. Sierra View Homes is a non-profit community benefit corporation that is directed by a voluntary non-paid Board of Directors. Three board members were voted in: Ted Loewen, Larry Harder, and Irvin Isaak (second term for all three). The board will meet soon to determine the new officers and board assignments. The results of that meeting will be published in the next newsletter. The 2017 Annual Report was passed out at the Annual Meeting. Copies are available in the office.

## Auxiliary News . . .

The Auxiliary has begun a new year with a few changes. We appreciate their time of volunteering and all the things they contribute to the lives of our residents. Our Spring benefit dinner will be Saturday June 9, 2018. Entertainment will feature Scott McIntyre, recording artist.

Elected board members are: Irvin Isaak, President; Kathy Hayes, Vice president; Denny Mason, Secretary; Stella Bohn, Treasurer; Louise Auernheimer, Membership; Yvonne Turner, Publicity; Members at Large - Joanne Kalafut, Joyce Klippenstein, and Joe Halpen.

## ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

KIWANIS CRAB or STEAK BENEFIT DINNER

Kings Canyon Room

Cost - \$25 Sierra View residents; \$50 All other guests

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room

Sign up in the office

Cost - \$6.00

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 at 11:30 A.M.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY LUNCH

A traditional homemade Italian meal

Kings Canyon Room

Donations go to MCC.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Kings Canyon Room

### Goodbye To Our Friend . . .

Chaplain, Arlee Johnson, has announced his retirement after five years of superb service for our residents. He and his wife decided to live near their oldest son in Kansas, not far from another former Chaplain, Laura Neufeld. Caley has agreed to stay on and be Sierra View's Chaplain. Take care good friends, Arlee and Joann.

### Hold On To That Thread . . .

Recently in our weekly Chats with the Chaplain, we were reflecting on the Gospel passages that tell the story of the disciples first encounters with Jesus. As fishermen who spent most of their lives on the water and likely knew little else, it is hard to wrap our heads around how life-changing the decision was to lay down their nets and follow Him.

Though we can imagine there were more words spoken between Jesus and the disciples during these encounters than what could fit on the pages of the Gospel accounts, we are left with the impression that the disciples made their decisions on an instinctual level. There was something about Jesus that drew them in and captured their hearts.

I think there is something in these stories that we resonate within our own spiritual walks. We would always like to have more clarity, more answers to questions that are forever shrouded in mystery. We would like to have more assurance before we commit ourselves fully. And yet we defiantly push forward, following the way of Jesus and sharing the Good News, come what may. Poet William Stafford articulates this so well in his poem "The Way It Is":

*There's a thread you follow. It goes among  
things that change. But it doesn't change.  
People wonder about what you are pursuing.  
You have to explain about the thread.  
But it is hard for others to see.  
While you hold it you can't get lost.  
Tragedies happen; people get hurt  
or die; and you suffer and get old.  
Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding.  
You don't ever let go of the thread.*

Wherever we find ourselves on this journey of life, in both the highs and the lows, may we commit to holding on to that thread.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain