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Dear Sierra View Friends . . .

Thank you so much for the lovely plant. That was so, so, kind and thoughtful of you.

I sure miss seeing my “second” family - you made a second home for my mom and a home away from home for me too. I appreciate it and will always be grateful.

Thank you so much for taking such good care of my mom.

God Bless you all

Pat Heckman, Daughter of Barbara Heckman

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In the Company of Friends

April 2018



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

Welcome Spring! Here at Sierra View Homes Retirement Community we are seeing signs of its arrival everywhere - the Blue Jays and other birds have returned; the trees are in bud with leaves bursting to life, and there are more people sitting on patios for the mid-day sun. As we take in the April blooms, we remember the Psalmist's words of "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." We also know there were many hands that participated in making our campus look superb--Glanny Laeno, Lyn Berry and their merry band of gardener volunteers are to be congratulated as well.

The weather is perfect for walks around the campus. Friendly neighbors start up conversations as a convenient intermission from the stride. As I meander along the circumference of the 13-acre campus, the lyrics of a song from the classis *Sound of Music* came to mind. "Nothing comes from nothing; nothing ever could." It's easy to see that Sierra View Homes was built on the dreams and shoulders of the founders. One of them, Marianna Habegger who passed away recently at the age of 101, and her husband, Marden Habegger, were instrumental in Sierra View Homes start-up. From a dream and the vision to bring it to fruition, our community stands today. The Habeggers and so many other First Mennonite Church families pulled together to create the current Sierra View Homes. Today's hands continue to make our campus a mission of service and beauty as was envisioned by our founders.

And so it comes as no surprise that residents, family, and friends voted Sierra View Homes Retirement Community as the Readers First Choice Retirement Community in the area as published by the Reedley Exponent. Thank you to all who participated. This is the third year in a row! The award announcement has been posted on our website which was enhanced recently.

May you enjoy the many blessings that April has to offer you!

Vito Genna

Dear Sierra View Homes . . .

Thank you for hosting the Annual Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Reedley Crab Feed. It was a huge success with \$7,000 made available for community projects. Sierra View outdid itself in creating a beautiful benefit evening that included a perfect setup, 95 pounds of New York Steak cooked to perfection, 700 pounds of cracked crab and plenty of other food selections. Your personnel and volunteers worked diligently; Ron Surabian sang a few songs to get us started; and the auctioneer gave us some entertainment. Two-hundred and thirty people enjoyed the evening. Monies will be used to assist the Aktion Club touching families, school scholarships and other community benefits. Once again, thank you for a job well done - Sierra View Homes!

Larry Wilder

President of Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Reedley
Former council member and Mayor of Reedley

Services Expanded . . .

During this month, the garden apartments will have the availability to access our Wi-Fi system. Wiring has been completed and access points should be finished soon. Cost of remote Wi-Fi will be \$20.00 per month.

Back by popular demand is our apartment available for temporary stays. A third-floor one-bedroom and den apartment has been set up with beds, furniture, and dishes to accommodate family and friend visitors. A suggested donation is expected. There already are reservations through the middle of June. Reservations can be made in the office.

Saintly Giving . . .

St. Joseph's Day, also known as Father's day in many parts of Europe remembers Joseph, the man who raised Jesus. Continuing a tradition, we invited the Sierra View Community, First Mennonite Church and many friends to come have an Italian meal and donate to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). MCC funds projects to improve people's lives all over the world. We want to thank everyone who came and donated \$700 to MCC.

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

EASTER LUNCH

King's Canyon Room or Founder's Room

Please sign up in the office

Cost - \$6.00

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

REEDLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DINNER

Kings Canyon Room

Speaker Roy Oken

Sharing history of Wonder Valley Dude Ranch

Cost - \$10 Sierra View residents; \$20 All other guests

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

for Arlee (former Chaplain) and Joanne Johnson

Kings Canyon Room

AUXILIARY SPRING BENEFIT DINNER

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

This year's event features the return of

American Idol Star Scott MacIntyre

All proceeds will go towards furnishing the anticipated

Bistro/café and resident activities

Remember the Silent Auction.

Reservations can be made by calling the office at 559 638-9226.

Tickets are \$60 per plate and a table of eight at the discounted rate of \$420 per table.

Sierra View residents have a discounted rate of \$40.

The Tougher Path . . .

As we near the end of Lent and prepare ourselves for the somber remembrance of Good Friday and the joyful anticipation of Easter, my mind is drawn to John 11:1-16, in which Jesus and the disciples receive news of Lazarus' death. Only halfway through the book of John, Jesus turns his attention towards Judea, and eventually Jerusalem, and never looks back. Though his disciples remind him that he is a wanted man and does so at great personal risk, Jesus begins his journey towards Judea, and in doing so, the path towards his own crucifixion.

It is a reminder that all along the way, Jesus had choices he could have made that would have led him out of harm's way, paths that would have given him the chance at a more normal and carefree life. Believing that Jesus was fully human we have to imagine that these were not easy choices for Jesus, yet at every turn over the next ten chapters of John, Jesus would take the tougher path. It was the path that best modeled God's love for us and in taking it, Jesus became the way, the truth and the life, changing forever the course of human history.

In the final verse of this passage we have the chilling and powerful words from the mouth of Thomas that would foreshadow what was to come: "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Though he could not yet fully understand the gravity of those words, his words have been the call to faithfulness that is our call as well. Though the cost for us is not always death, we are called to take up our cross and follow Him, taking the tougher path towards the ways that best model God's love to a hurting world.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain