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### To The Staff at Sierra View Homes . . .

Thank you so much for the lovely Cyclamen Plant you gave for our mother, Grace Yamada, her favorite hobby was flower gardening. She lived at Sierra View Homes over eight years, mainly in Skilled Nursing, and your special care gave us more time to share with her since the death of our father in 2009. We know Grace appreciated your care and some of her final words to you were “Thank you for taking care of me.”

Thank you all from the Yamada family

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# In the Company of Friends

## May 2018



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

We celebrate two important days in May - Mother's Day and Nurses' Day. It's great that we take the time to appreciate these two occasions.

Motherly love is unmatched in compassion, understanding, forgiveness and tenderness. It's not unlike divine love, but a little or a lot less perfect. Certainly, a mother's love gave us strength and courage as adults to be our very best in good times and bad for more years than we are willing to admit. So we celebrate not just our own Mothers, but all those women in our lives who give freely and selflessly of themselves for their sons and daughters.

Although many residents can relate especially to their first years of child raising way back when, I reached out to a recent mom about her thoughts. Romarie, in Dietary, looks at her two month old, Bella Marie as a "true gift from God." Though she easily recalls the pregnancy, morning sickness and the ten hours of labor pains, she notes the "pain is temporary and well worth it; the love of and from her child is permanent." Tired from a full day of working in the kitchen, she treasures the moment that she gets home and sees Bella Marie face to face. And so just beginning her motherhood journey, Romarie instinctively knows that her bond of love and joy will continue to grow, just as so many residents experienced.

On another note, Nurses' Day is celebrated this month. Sierra View residents appreciate and know they are in good hands since licensed RN's and LVN's are tenured and there is very little turnover of Certified Nursing Assistants. We are all indebted to the care and concern our nursing staff provides to our residents each day. Nurses create a refuge with hands on healing care and it's more than a vocation; it's a ministry. You can see I'm partial to nurses; my son is a Nurse Practitioner. We especially wish God's blessing on Mothers and Nurses during the month of May.

*Vito Genna*

## To All Staff at Sierra View Homes . . .

"My mother, Katharine Dettweiler, had been involved with Sierra View for as long as I can remember. In October 2010 she moved into Apartment 36. She enjoyed the companionship of the other residents and appreciated the many campus activities. It was important to her to take part in every activity that she could. She later moved into Assisted Living, and then Skilled Nursing. At each level of care, mom was at every activity.

Throughout her stay at Sierra View we were so thankful for the loving care she received. The personal attention that she was given meant so much to us. Sierra View provided an enjoyable living environment for the last years of her life."

Thank you  
Stella and Chuck Bohn

## Lights, Camera, Action . . .

The Sierra View Homes Auxiliary funded the up-to-date projector and screen system for the Kings Canyon Room and the Founders Room. We are now able to present from the computer and iPhones special pictures documentaries or movies. The big screen allows greater visibility for our residents. Thank you Auxiliary.

## Website . . .

As you have read in various stories, companies have to be more concerned about unwanted hackers into our software computer systems. Despite "fire walls," we have to continually monitor our systems. Recently, we had to reverse the effects of a hacker to our website. The sierraview.org website is now working properly, thanks to our two consultants, Caitlin Gipson and Brandon Acquaviva.

## First Hurdle . . .

The City of Reedley Planning Department has given us a conditional use permit for the addition of the existing dining hall adding 1,585 square feet and the new exterior doorway and finishes to the office. This permit brings with it certain requirements, but it is the first of a number of hurdles to procuring this project.

## Everyone is Welcome . . .

There will be a 75th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Carrol and Geraldine Strader on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Kings Canyon Dining Room.

## ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

**National Day of Prayer Program and Lunch**

**Kings Canyon Room**

**Sign up in the office**

**Donation to MCC**

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

**Mother's Day Lunch**

**Kings Canyon Room and Founder's Room**

**Sign up in the office**

**Cost - \$6.00**

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

**Memorial Day Barbeque Lunch**

**Kings Canyon Room and Founder's Room**

**Sign up in the office**

**Cost - \$6.00**

### **ANNUAL AUXILIARY SPRING BENEFIT DINNER**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

**Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for appetizers**

**featuring *American Idol* Star *Scott Macintyre***

**Silent Auction and Raffle**

Proceeds will go towards furnishing the anticipated Bistro/Café

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.

## Nature's Gift and Testimony . . .

Psalm 24:1 reminds us that "the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." I am reminded of this anew every day that I wind through the beautiful landscape that lines highway 180 between Fresno and Reedley. What started as green buds became an explosion of fruit tree blossoms, which set the scene for the wide array of wildflowers that decorate the foothills. Each time, I have thought that it couldn't get more beautiful, it has.

We may envy the tangible ways in which God walked with Adam and Eve in the garden, appeared to Moses in a burning bush, and confronted Paul in a blinding light, but let us not forget the continual testament to the majestic and powerful presence of God that we encounter every day in nature. The writer of Psalm 19 brings this to our attention in its first four verses:

*"The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
Yet their voice goes out through all the earth;  
and their words to the end of the world."*

Sunday, April 22, was Earth Day. A good reminder that when we break away from our over-busy lives and redirect our gaze from our electronic devices to the beauty of nature that surrounds us, we are opened to a deeper and more profound understanding of our creator. May we recommit to not only being more aware of the gift and testimony of nature, but also to care for it in a way that honors and glorifies the God who made it.

**Caley Ortman, Chaplain**