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### Pondering an Age Old Question . . .

Our resident, David Beaumont, asks, "Why do we only say "Amen" at church and not "Awomen"?"

Answer: We only sing hymns and not hers!

### Thank You Sierra View . . .

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. We want to thank everyone at Serra View for the wonderful way Linda was treated.

Norman La Joie and Mickey  
and the family of Linda Norwood

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# In the Company of Friends

## June 2018



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

Happy Father's Day to all our dads, and congratulation to the graduates this month. This Father's Day is especially pleasing in witnessing the cap and gown ceremony for daughter, Amanda. She received an MBA degree from Chapman University in Orange. She did it working full time and without any lingering debt.

Well, you can tell I am proud to be her dad and recognize her accomplishments as well as the fine young woman she is. A day before graduation, she spent Saturday (as she does many Saturdays) packaging food bags at the food bank.

Now a few words on fatherhood. Recently, I reflected on my own Dad. He comes to mind more often since Mo's gas station changed to "Sinclair Gas." My Dad and his brother leased for a few years a Sinclair Station in New York. I got to go as a youngster as my mom would go to help work on the books in the office. He never had the opportunity to finish high school, but he made sure his kids had the opportunity for higher education. Often, he worked six days a week, and sometimes on Sunday. He was the neighborhood mechanic. Since I was the youngest son, he had time to mellow and was not a severe disciplinarian. There was no question that his role as a husband and father was to provide, protect and to lead not for his own vanity, but in service to his family (of course directed by mom). His own life's dream of owning a home finally came when he retired.

I was fortunate to grow up with three brothers in a complete family, and to learn, early on, the expectations of a father. Too often, modern society demeans manhood, highlights the disrespectful bullies and belittles the value and need of the father in a home. No, it's not a perfect world, but the more we expect and excuse bad behavior, the more prevalent it becomes.

Our children, besides being the cement of love in a covenant of husband and wife, are the single best antidote to selfishness. Fatherhood should always have the weapons of generosity, patience, forgiveness, eagerness to listen to and understand others, and be a strong personal witness of faith and optimism.

To all our dads, thank you for not taking the easy way out. Have a great Father's Day!

*Vito Genna*

## Difficult Transitions . . .

Our TV reception difficulties were suppose to disappear and the picture was suppose to be amazing. Unfortunately, as with many transitions, our transfer from the analog system to the digital system came with many unforeseen problems. The least of the problems was that some 250 TV remote controls had to be re-programmed. Also, some areas of the campus needed amplifiers. We are sorry it took a while to clear up. We were also allowed to see the many makes and models of TV's on campus. A message channel is being worked on and should be in place soon. In a month or so we will review the channel selections again.

## What's down there? . . .

Some of you had fun watching the large truck with its drilling device in front of the dining room. The work is part of the Geotechnical Engineering Investigation Report necessary for expanding our dining room. Several exploratory borings had to be completed within the site to evaluate the subsurface soil conditions. The exploratory borings advanced to depths ranging from approximately 15 to 50 feet. During the drilling operations, penetration tests were performed at regular intervals to evaluate soil consistency and to obtain information regarding the engineering properties of the subsoils. Soil samples are retained for laboratory testing. The soils encountered will be continuously examined and classified. This will in turn determine the depth of the cement pad and pillars for the new dining room.

## Great News . . .

Sierra View Homes Care Center received a monetary grant as the Quality Assurance Supplemental Performance Award. For the past year, the Medi-Cal system looked at a number of qualifications such as turnover of personnel, infection rates, re-hospitalization and other quality indexes. This is the third year in a row that Sierra View receives this honor. Our care center continues to achieve the highest five-star Medicare rating. Wow, quite an achievement. Thank you staff!

## **ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.**

### **AUXILIARY SPRING BENEFIT DINNER**

**Featuring singer and songwriter Scott MacIntyre**

**Tickets are \$60 per plate and/or \$420 for a table of 8.**

**Discounted tickets of \$40 for residents of SVH are available.**

**Make your reservations now by coming by the office  
or calling 638-9226.**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.**

### **FATHER'S DAY LUNCH**

**Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room**

**Sign up in the office.**

**Cost - \$6.00**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.**

### **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

**Kings Canyon Room**

### **Orchid Green House . . .**

Sierra View Homes residents are indebted to Bill Conrad, who had kept our orchid green house in the southwest section of campus producing orchids for the campus. These beautiful flowers would suddenly show up in common areas of the buildings. Bill has volunteered his time, energy and talents to ensure a continual supply for many years. It is time for him to pass the work on to Lyn Berry, our master gardener and resident. Lyn is always willing to secure a few more volunteers for the campus grounds.

## **"BY THEIR FRUITS YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM"**

The last few weeks during devotions we have been working our way through the fruits of the Spirit as identified in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

I tie this passage to Jesus' words towards the end of the Sermon on the Mount: "by their fruits you will recognize them" (Matt 7:16). Talk is cheap, but the fruit does not lie. Belief is a hard thing to quantify or measure, but over the course of our lives, the fruit referenced in Galatians will either reveal itself or it will not, and the seriousness with which we take our faith will be reflected in that fruit.

This is initially quite overwhelming. None of us are on target with all the fruits of the Spirit all of the time, even on our good days. The good news is we have a few things going for us. First of all, as human beings uniquely created in the image of God, we all have natural gifts and strengths in particular fruits of the Spirit. When we gather together as believers we offer our gifts and are inspired and nourished by the gifts of others. As it says in Ecclesiastes, "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

(Ecclesiastes 4:12)

The second item of good news is that we believe in a God of grace. Even on the days we fail miserably at nurturing any of the fruits of the Spirit, we know we can always commit to doing better. There is no "leveling-up" when it comes to the fruits of the Spirit. One does not master love and move on to joy never to have to work on love again. Rather, being attentive to the fruits of the Spirit requires continual maintenance, correction, and self-reflection. And with our faith community and through the grace of God, we continue on this journey, that the light of Christ might be seen through us.

**Caley Ortman, Chaplain**