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Sierra View Staff . . .

We want to thank you for the kindness and care given to Fred over the past years at Sierra View Homes. We appreciate your entire staff and the teamwork it takes to provide the excellent care he received.

**Sincerely,
The family of Fred Loeffler
A resident for seven years**

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

Despite the heat we have had an outside audience of residents and staff watching the workers tear down, build-up and re-create the exterior appearance of the office and its surroundings. Work will continue into the month of August.

The new entryway by the parking lot already looks like it was always there. The decorative stone trim gives it a sense of warmth and welcome. Some of you have been watching the progress on our Facebook page. The larger items such as doorway and stone masonry can be completed pretty quickly; it's the fine tuning parts such as electricity, ADA approved sidewalks and trims that take a while. The second phase of the project, i.e. the dining room expansion, has been more time consuming. We are hoping to get the California Office of State Wide Health Planning and Development to clear the architectural drawing in a timely manner. We hope to start that part of the project in October.

Also this month, our residents will be able to watch the window awnings positioned on our third floor windows on the Terrace walls. The last time some of you thought it was pretty unbelievable watching one guy gingerly walk up the tall ladder, holding the awning above his head, and then screwing the bolts into the wall. Not a feat most of us would care to try . . .

Lots of recent conversation about vacation trips from residents and staff. Indeed, Joann Kalafut, our Sierra View Homes Board of Directors member, plans to give a presentation on her Northern European trip she took with her family. I too had an amazing family trip to New York, where my kids were able to visit with some 45 cousins and other relatives and friends in the Metropolitan New York area, with a little sight seeing to boot.

As we make it through the hot month of August at least we will have some distractions, listening to travel exploits and witnessing a campus remake.

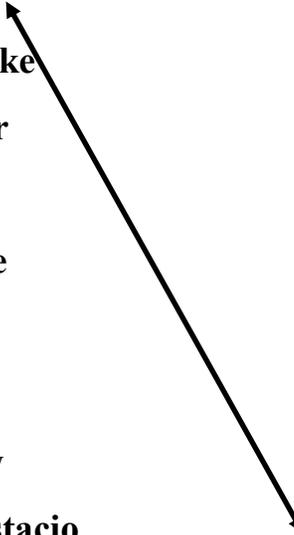
Have a great August!

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Word Match . . .

One of our residents, David Beaumont, gave an interesting presentation of the English language, its origins and its uniqueness. So we will see how closely you were listening. Below on the left side is the list of words and on the right is the list of ethnic origins, see if you can match the word to their origins. Some origins have more than one word.

Beak, Cream	Mexico Indians
Glitch, Bagel	Jewish
Minister, Candle	Celts
Avocado, Chocolate	Italy
Daughter, Fire	Peru Indians
Cashmere, Pajama	Arabia
Husband, Plow	Romans
Massage, Artichoke	India
Cargo, Alligator	Arabia
Banjo, Banana	Germans
Brunette, Brave	Africa
Potato	Spanish
Skunk, Yankee	French
Ketchup, Chow	China
Concert, Biscuit, Pistacio	Vikings
Boycott, Shanty	Irish
	USA Indians



ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

**Homemade Ice Cream Social
Kings Canyon Room**

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

**Balance and Fall Prevention
By Joseph Aliotti
Kings Canyon Room**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

**Golden Agers Town Meeting
Followed by Build Your Own Banana Split
Kings Canyon Room**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.

**New Wrinkles Broadway Show (Video)
and Iced Coffee
Staring Ron Surabian
Kings Canyon Room**

New Medicare Cards . . .

Medicare has been sending out new Medicare cards to their members. Your new Medicare card will have a new ID number. When you get your new Medicare card, please bring your new Medicare card to the Administration Office so we can take a copy for our records.

Solidarity in Suffering . . .

It is said of God that no one can behold his face and live. I always thought this meant that no one could see his splendor and live. A friend said perhaps it means that no one could see his sorrow and live. Or perhaps his sorrow is his splendor.

-- Nicholas Wolterstorff

I have been haunted by the beauty of this quote since coming across it in Jerry Sittser's book, *A Grace Disguised*. It is hard work to contemplate a God that is both beyond our comprehension and yet desires a personal relationship with each of us specifically. Yet that is the mysterious paradox we embrace when we take on the Christian walk. Much of what challenges our faith in such a God surfaces during times of suffering. If God is all powerful how can God stand passively by while we suffer?

Too often our conclusion seems to be that if we are suffering and our pain is not being taken from us when we go to God in prayer, then that must certainly mean that God does not care. Yet what if Wolterstorff is offering us another perspective? What if a suffering Christ points to the divine character of a suffering God? True love is perhaps best shown not in forcing humanity to robotically follow the Creator's will, but rather the willingness to let humanity make their own decisions, even when God knows that these decisions will often result in not only *their* pain but in *God's* pain.

To live and to love in a fallen world inevitably means we will suffer. Yet we may take comfort that through the revelation of God through Jesus, who willingly submitted himself to suffering, we follow and worship a God who is not only present when we suffer, but who loves us enough to suffer with us and to walk alongside us until the suffering is past.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain