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### **Thanks To All . . .**

The family of Bill Hostetter would like to Thank You for welcoming Bill to SVH and for the excellent care he received while he was there. He grew to feel at home at SVH and made many friends. Staff and Administrators took care to make sure Bill was well taken care of and were always kind and helpful to him. SVH in Reedley was the best decision we could have made for Bill as he approached the end of his Life.

Bernice Hostetter  
and all the Hostetter and Bergthold families.

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# In the Company of Friends

## September 2018



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

We welcome the cooler breezes of September. This month is still considered the start of the school year even though some have been in class for a week or more. Most of us can identify with the anticipation of a beginning after so many school years.

So maybe it's fitting that one of our managers with the most tenure retires as the new month begins. This employee ends an outstanding career path that encompassed 44 years. Her absence will be quite noticeable as she starts a new chapter in her life and Sierra View Homes continues services without her.

During her tenure, she has mentored and influenced many. Ro Linscheid attributes her leaving teaching and coming back into senior care to this employee's enthusiasm and mentoring. The assistant who takes over her department also is thankful for her hands-on training and internship.

The employee we refer to is Nancy Petinak. Nancy has been a steadfast force in the Activity Department and the Social Services section. Nancy still admits change is hard for her, but she managed to adapt to the most difficult of circumstances. Indeed, she accomplished much in spite of having Executive Directors with varying personalities.

Throughout her service at Sierra View Homes, she has been an integral part of the Auxiliary as well. Nancy promises to stay active in her free time, but now wants to work with Hospice patients. So we wish her well on her new path. Julia Duran picks up the reigns as both Activities and Social Service designee. Caley Ortman, our Chaplain, will be more involved in Social Service issues for our residents.

Whether you are starting something new or are just trying to maintain, have a great September.

*Vito Genna*

## A 90th Birthday Celebration . . .

Erma Isaac is turning 90 on September 4. Happy Birthday Erma! On Labor day, Monday, September 3 there will be a reception from 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 10 to honor her. Those who consider her a friend are invited.

## HICAP . . .

HICAP (Health Insurance counseling and Advocacy Program) is here on campus every Tuesday afternoon @ 1:30 p.m. This organization can help with Medicare questions, understanding benefits, options and your rights. They are a free unbiased, private one-on-one assistance program.

## Administrative Office Building . . .

Lots of good comments about the handiwork that restructured the office and the re-make of the office. Olga Brandt walked in and with amazement she said, "Wow, this is beautiful." Many residents watched as the stone mason created their art work at the front of the Residential Care and the exterior of the East wing of the Care Center, as well. So, phase one of the 2018 construction plan has been finished.

Phase two includes the 1600 square foot extension of the Main Dining Room. Architectural plans have been at the state office for a month. We await the clearance from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Department. Stay tuned for updates.

## For A Cause . . .

Everence Charitable Services, formerly Mennonite Foundation, will hold an informational session on generosity and the different forms it takes on Thursday, September 13, 2018, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Willow Avenue Mennonite Church, 2529 Willow Avenue, Clovis, CA. Sierra View Homes is one of the sponsoring agencies and will have a table at the event.

## ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

Labor Day Barbecue Lunch

Kings Canyon Room

Please sign up in the office

Cost - \$6.00

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Kiwanis Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner

Kings Canyon Dining Room

Please sign up in the office or purchase a ticket  
from a Kiwanis member.

Cost - \$5.00 (SVH residents); \$10.00 (All others)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 at 4:30 P.M.

Reedley's Commission on Aging Senior Prom

Entertainment by Nick Jones - Tribute to Country Music.

Must purchase tickets from Reedley Senior Services. They will be  
here at dinner selling tickets on Thursday, September 6.

Bring money to buy your ticket.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

Choice Books Dinner

Bus leaves for Fresno at 5:00 p.m.

Please sign up in the office by

Sunday, September 16. No charge.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

Service of Remembrance

Kings Canyon Room

## Praise as the Enjoyment of God . . .

Praise is an essential part of our worship and prayer lives as Christians. We find rich and elaborate expressions of it in the poetry of the Psalms. Much of the praise language the psalmists use is based on their knowledge and understanding of the way a person addressed a king. Psalm 95-99 are categorized as "enthronement" Psalms for this very reason. Kings were the ultimate source of earthly authority so it was only natural to refer to God, the ultimate source of authority, in the same way.

Yet, we are a long way removed from the days of showing homage to kings. The way we relate to our leaders, both locally and nationally, is quite a bit more subtle and toned down. The language of the psalms can at times feel foreign on our tongues. So how do we understand praise in our 21st century context?

James H. Waltner identifies that humans praise that which is admirable, and that "the enjoyment of anything spills over into praise--praise of people, favorite books, favorite games," nature, etc. Whether we connect with the royal language of the psalms or not, the purpose of praise within the context of worship is the same: to acknowledge and identify that the things on this earth that we find admirable, meaningful and enjoyable originate with the Creator, the author and perfecter, who is indeed worthy of our praise.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain