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Elections Coming . . .

We will be a polling place for the coming election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, in the Terrace Lobby. Election doors are open at 7:00 a.m. If you need help registering to vote (must register by October 22, 2018) or if you need help with your absentee ballot, please see Jodi Botello, Campus Activities Director or Julia Duran, Care Center Activity Director.

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In the Company of Friends

October 2018



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

The days may be getting slightly cooler and the daylight may be slightly less each day, but October promises to be a busy month.

A new arrangement will be part of the “to do list.” Sierra View Homes has been asked to assist Bethel Lutheran Home of Selma in their leadership transition. The Board of Directors of Sierra View Homes and Bethel Home have embraced a collaborative effort that will benefit both non-profit, church-related organizations and their respective residents. Although our community takes on the consultant role, the agreement will allow for shared expertise, volume discount buying, combined marketing and economics of scale.

Both organizations share many common aspects such as church-member roots and values, yet each has its unique qualities and environment. Sierra View Homes is a continuing Care Retirement Community and has been serving the Reedley Community for just over 50 years.

Bethel is a retirement community that has been serving the greater Selma Community for 90 years. Indeed, Bethel is celebrating their 90th Anniversary this year. Bethel has been delivering great care and concern to and for its residents throughout those years. But given the rate of change in this kind of service and the overwhelming regulatory state and federal burdens, it is getting more and more difficult for smaller communities to go it alone.

Bethel will be going through some transition since the long-term Executive Director will be retiring. Sierra View will assist Bethel in finding an Executive Director and give some guidance on new programs.

The Sierra View Homes Board of Directors anticipates an opportunity in helping a like organization and working together in this difficult, highly regulated, and labor shortage environment. As both organizations strive to give services respectful to the human dignity and condition, and follow Christ's call in service to others, all residents will benefit.

Have a great October!

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“Buon Appetito” . . .

Once again Sierra View Homes did a great job hosting the Annual Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner. Al dente pasta with wonderful sausage tomato sauce with its delicious partners of a fresh tossed Italian dressed salad and a delightful cream pie. It was definitely a night of “Buon Appetito”. Funds will be utilized to support our community causes. Thank you on behalf of Kiwanis.

Larry Wilder
President, Sunrise Reedley Kiwanis

Family Visitors . . .

For the past few months we held one of our Terrace apartments open for family visitors. The time has come to rent it out with more permanent suitors again.

In order to facilitate extended family visits we have negotiated a reduced price at Hotel Burgess in downtown Reedley. Just mention that you need the Sierra View Homes rate. Just an FYI, there is no elevator at this hotel.

Senior Prom . . .

On September 21, 2018, Sierra View Homes had the privilege once again to host the Senior Prom. The theme for the evening was Western. The room was decorated with bales of hay and saddles loaned to us by our very own Chief of Police Joe Garza. The entertainment was provided by Valley artist Nick Jones. It was a beautiful night sponsored by Reedley Senior Center. All that attended wore cowboy hats, boots, and bandanas. The Dietary Department provided delicious appetizers to a delicious dinner. Prom pictures were courtesy of Blossom Trail Photography. Thank you all that made this night a success!!

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018 at 9:45 A.M.

REEDLEY FIESTA DIAPER DERBY

Kings Canyon Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

REEDLEY HIGH CHOIR

Founder's Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 at 11:30 A.M.

OKTOBERFEST

Kings Canyon Room

German Sausage Lunch and entertainment with
Bluegrass Brethren

Please sign up in the office - cost \$6.00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018 at 1:30 P.M.

NEW WRINKLES SHOW (VIDEO)

Sponsored Ron Surabian

(A salute to the Silver Screen)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

REEDLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DINNER

Speaker to be announced

Kings Canyon Room

Please sign up in the office. Cost - \$10 for Sierra View
Homes residents, \$20 all others.

Getting Out of Our Own Way in Discerning God's Will

Becoming a Christian is both an event and a process. The event may play out in a dramatic conversion, a simple prayer for Jesus to enter our hearts and lives, or a public confession of faith at a baptism. Yet being a Christian is also the journey we are on for the rest of our lives, and the daunting process we set for ourselves of "discerning God's will."

For some this seems to come easy, and they speak with ease about "what God is calling me to" and "God has put on my heart" to do this or that. For many, however, it is not that simple. They listen to these words with admiration, longing and perhaps a little bit of envy. They might wonder "why does God's will seem so clear to them while I hear nothing? Am I doing something wrong?"

I recently read an article by Phil Baker called *3 Things We Get Wrong About Discovering God's Will* in which he identifies three common assumptions that we have that make our discerning harder than it perhaps needs to be.

First of all, it isn't always something unpleasant. God wants our passion to line up with our calling! We sometimes wrongly conclude that if what we are doing isn't a hardship, it must not be God's will.

Second, it isn't always a surprise. Some people might end up in unexpected places with their calling, but many ease into it gradually, using gifts they have been developing since childhood. Both of these are valid and pleasing to God.

And finally, it isn't just God's will. Discerning God's will means being receptive also to not only what makes *us* feel passionate and alive, but also the affirmation we are hearing from our Christian brothers and sisters that God has surrounded us with.

May we take joy in discerning God's will, knowing our creator desires our lives to be not only fruitful, but full of the type of work that gives our lives passion and meaning!

Caley Ortman, Chaplain