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Election Day . . .

The Terrace Lobby will be transformed into polling booths for Election Day, November 6, 2018. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. People traffic is expected to be heavy because of the interest in this election. Residents are encouraged to use side doors. We are sorry for this temporary inconvenience. Polls close at 8:00 p.m.

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November 2018



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

Happy Thanksgiving! May we use the whole month of November to be aware and thankful for all God's blessings.

Adriana and I are surely thankful to have had the opportunity to meet up with a New York friend, do an organized small group tour of northern Italy in a religious retreat environment, taste some of the best cuisine on the planet, and have only one small delay without missing the eight different airline connections to get there and back.

The tour was led by Fr. Leo Patalinghug, gourmet cook and host of Cable TV's "Savoring Our Faith" and noted author, and an Italian tour master, Fulvio. Twenty-four of us went to the City of Turin (Torino), Alba, Bologna, Florence, and various cities in the Tuscany and Umbria provinces. The Shroud is housed in a church in Turin. According to tradition, the Shroud is the blood stained burial cloth in which Jesus was wrapped after He was taken down from the cross. In Alba, we went Truffle hunting with a trained guide and his super-sensitive dog, Boc. Boc found two of these underground mushrooms; one black, one white that we later consumed on 'bruschetta.' In Bologna, we learned about the first university in Europe, and Dominic Guzman founder of the "Order of Preachers" now called Dominicans. The order was started in 1218 to give depth to Christian teaching for all. We visited the Mazzei Winery, family run since 1435. One of the sons, a couple of generations ago, was asked by President Thomas Jefferson to plant a vineyard at his estate in Monticello, VA.

We stayed at a Tuscan Villa near the Francigena Way. The Way is a pilgrim path used by Christians for hundreds of years as a walking path for the devout that runs from Canterbury through France, to Rome and then to Jerusalem. The Tuscan Valley scenery with its vineyards, hazelnut and chestnut trees and rolling hills was breath-taking. We visited several early medieval towns that can easily take us back to when they were built in the 1100 and 1200s. The art, sculptures and architecture of Florence was the highlight of the tour.

A presentation of photos and explanations will be shown on November 7, 2018. Residents are enjoying some of the Tuscan scenery from photographs enlarged and framed in Marden's Place.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

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Medicare Premiums & Deductibles 2019 . . .

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the Calendar Year (CY) 2019 premiums, deductibles and coinsurance amounts for Medicare Part A and Part B Services.

Medicare Part A - Inpatient Skilled Nursing Facility stay

Beneficiary (resident) pays: Coinsurance days 21-100 (per day of each benefit period) goes up January 1, 2019 from \$167.50 to \$170.50

Sierra View Homes continues to attain a nationwide Medicare Five Star rating.

2019 . . .

In Dealing with next year's budget, the most significant pressure on costs is coming from the state government on January 1, 2019. The minimum wage goes up a full dollar from \$11.00 to \$12.00 an hour, and that in turn puts pressure on all wages that are in close proximity. In addition to that, the Department of Public Health and Department of Social Services increased their license rates significantly. New regulations have been passed requiring more personnel. All of us are faced with utility rates and fees going up.

Despite these pressures, the Board of Directors have approved only a 3% increase in resident rates, and a \$.25 increase in meals effective January 1, 2019. Further explanations will be in the individual letters sent out November 1, 2018, to our residents and/or their families. Personnel have been charged to find new efficiencies to continue a safe organizational operation and have some money for capital investments.

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 15, and 29, 2018

at 4:30 P.M.

THAT PIANO GUY (Bill Ruby)

Kings Canyon Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

GOLDEN AGERS TURKEY LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room

No Cost to Garden and Terrace residents

Please sign up in the office before November 12.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

HISTORY OF THANSIVING

By David Beaumont

Kings Canyon Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018 at 12:00 P.M.

THANKSGIVING DAY TURKEY LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room

Please sign up in the office

Cost - \$8.00

Flu . . .

Nearly all of our residents in the Care Center and Assisted Living have had the opportunity to have their flu shots. Fresno County has obligated all direct care staff to receive flu shots as well. Flu shots are covered by Medicare and many individual insurance plans. As we head into the flu season, please take this as a reminder of not visiting if you have a cold or feel a sickness coming on. Also, use the alcohol based hand sanitizer dispensers through out the buildings.

Reimagining Speaking in Tongues . . .

As our Bible Study at Sierra View moves deeper into the book of Acts, we have been taking note of the way Paul carefully shapes his gospel message to reach his audience. To the Jews he draws from their understanding of the Old Testament. To new converts in areas unfamiliar with Judaism, he preaches the universal love of God. To the educated Greeks he appeals to their sense of reason and logic. This is not slippery salesmanship but a reflection of Paul's dedication to sharing the Gospel in new contexts and a love for those whose "mother tongue" is different than his own.

Meghan Good, pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church, observes that no presentation of the gospel is culturally neutral. "The status quo of the church in every time and place was designed with someone in mind. This is not evil but a necessary aspect of an incarnational faith. The problem is not that every proclamation of the gospel is particular; the problem is how often we forget that fact."

We do well to remember that the Gospel as we have learned it is packaged in a way that might not be accessible to everyone who needs to hear the Good News. May we follow the example of Paul and put forth the effort and care to learn the "tongues" of those around us, that we may be more effective conveyers of the Word.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain