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Thank You . . .

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers sent for our mom's service. More importantly, we thank you for the years of loving care you provided while she was a resident. You have been such a blessing to mom and us!

The Family of Mary Ellen Ball

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In the Company of Friends

March 2019



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

The rains cleansed the air and have given us beautiful sights. It's a nice way to begin the month of March.

Recently, the Sierra View Homes Retirement Community Annual Corporation Meeting was held in the Terrace Lobby. Elections for three board members resulted in Joleen Siebert as a director for her second term and two new individuals, Lois Strole and Lance Zimmerman for their first year of a three-year-term. In addition, the corporation membership voted to change the by-laws, whereby, up to four board members of nine may not be from the Mennonite Church, USA. The membership also acknowledged as a requirement for a Continuing Care Community that at least one board member has to be a resident who lives on campus.

The Annual Corporation Meeting and the accompanying Annual Report detailed the accomplishments of 2018. Our staff was highlighted and acknowledged for their commitment to provide the best services to our residents. Most of our staff have tenure and the report named those employees that hit the 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 year bench marks. The ten active employees of the Circle of Silver Stars who have served our residents for 20 years or more are: Virginia Cruz, CNA 40 years; Escolastica (Lassie) Andres, CNA 38 years; Carmen Echeveste, Prep Cook 31 years; Estella Pena, RN 31 years; Irene Botello, Housekeeper 30 years; Minerva Rodriguez, Baker 27 years; Teresa Jimenez, LVN 28 years; Jodi Botello, Campus Activities Director 22 years; Joyce Gregory, RN 21 years; Juana Duarte, RNA 20 years.

Of course, it takes all of our employees, 145 of them, to set the highest possible standard to ensure that every day we earn and deserve the trust we receive from you.

Both our nursing facility and assisted living have received high marks from the respective licensing agencies recently. We will continue to do our best.

Have a great March!

Vito Genna

Your Kindness . . .

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant for my mom's celebration of life service. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. My mom enjoyed her time at Sierra View. She had wonderful care givers, and nurses that took care of her.

Thank you,

Lanet Erickson, Daughter of Lydia Heinrichs

With Love and Devotion . . .

We, of the Carolynne Lee family, can't thank you enough for the unconditional love you shared with our dear mother for the past 14-years plus. She always remarked that she was living at a resort. Mother felt loved and safe at Sierra View. We can't thank you enough for the incredible care you gave her in all her stages of life. We'll miss seeing all of you, but will stop by and maybe you can save us a room. Also, thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement, just like Sierra View, it's full of beauty and life.

The Family of Carolynne Lee

St. Joseph's Plate . . .

Sierra View Homes Retirement Community continues its tradition of celebrating a Saint's feast day to help others. The St. Joseph Benefit Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, in the Kings Canyon Dining Room. Homemade pasta, in rich tomato sauce and an Italian Sausage under the direction of an authentic Italian cook, Adriana, will highlight the meal. The meal comes by donation and all monies collected will be turned over to MCC for the poor.

Many European countries honor Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, in various ways. Indeed, he is viewed as a model father in the way he provided for and protected his family.

So come on over and have some pasta and contribute to a good cause.

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

KIWANA'S CRAB FEED

Kings Canyon Room

Cost - \$25 Sierra View Residents / \$50 all other guests

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019 at 11:30 A.M.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room

Homemade Italian meal

Proceeds from all donations go to benefit MCC.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

REEDLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DINNER

Kings Canyon Room

Cost - \$10 Sierra View Residents (sign up in the office)

\$20 all other guests (ticket required)

New Officers . . .

New officers have been elected at the first Board of Directors Meeting after our Corporation Meeting. Dorothy Boldt, Chair; Bill Braun, Vice-Chair; Irvin Isaak, VP of Finance; and Ted Loewen, Secretary.

Where Do You Find Yourself in the Story?

As Christians we believe the Bible is the living word of God. What does that mean exactly? It means that alongside studying the context of what the text meant to its original audience, we are also called to ask what the text is speaking into our lives *today*. There are many ways to do this, but the way that I have found particularly powerful the last few years is the question “where do you find yourself in the story?”

Doing this puts us into a story in a new way, not as the reader watching passively from a distance, but as a participant. We should be encouraged to ask wondering questions. What was it like to be this person and how would I react if that was me? But we also should be attuned to knowing when we are to identify with someone *other than* the main character in the story. Take for example the parable of the Prodigal Son: You can read the story and find yourself as the prodigal son. Six months later you might very well find yourself as the jealous brother, or perhaps the forgiving father.

We never stop reading the Bible because it can speak to us differently through different characters as our life circumstances change, meeting us where we are on our faith journey. Embrace the living word and never stop asking “where do I find myself in the story *today?*”

Caley Ortman, Chaplain