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To Our Friends at Sierra View Homes . . .

You made the funeral for Paul a special blessing! Your help was so special and so kind! We will always remember it all, especially since it was new to us as a family. God bless you and keep using you to help people especially when there is sorrow.

This is a nice friendly place to live.

Evelyn Suderman (resident in Apartments) and Family

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In the Company of Friends

April 2019



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

You can really tell that the weather is changing as the grape vines turn from “dead-looking sticks” to a flash of green buds. We anticipate a beautiful spring. Many residents tell me they can't wait to sit outside more often.

There were a few residents who watched our master gardener Lynn's volunteer group move the three trees from the front of the Kings Canyon Room to the “Gazebo Plaza” area on Grace Court. It was a tougher feat than expected. The root dirt ball had to stay in tact for the move. Of course, there was a dirt trail as the trees on the dolly made their way over to its new home. Lynn wanted to ensure their survival before the brutal heat arrives. The Grace Court neighbors are liking the change as they begin to see the “park look” come alive, with drip watering schedule; from the grassy knoll that was always a problem to maintain.

Some are speculating that we must be close to breaking ground for the new dining room extension. Whoa! The final plans have not been released from the California Office of Statewide Health Planning (OSHPD). Our architect has been working with the Sacramento office since July of last year. We do have reason to believe that the OSHPD office is close to giving us its final review.

Through discussion at the SVH Board Strategic Planning Committee, we have pursued a low interest loan of 2% from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority. In that way, SVH will not have to deplete so much cash all at once. So the pieces are coming together.

So as we spruce up for spring, we also ready ourselves for the uplifting time of Easter celebration and contemplating how much God has given to us.

May your Easter wishes bring you closer to your Creator.

Happy Easter!

Vito Genna

Where's the Beef . . .

Thank you Sierra View Homes Retirement Community for making this year's Kiwanis' Annual Crab Dinner Fundraiser a great success. Some 250 attendees enjoyed 750 pounds of cracked crab fresh from Morro Bay and some 90 pounds of New York steak that were cooked and served to perfection. This dinner enjoyed by the community at large is the number one fundraiser for the Sunrise Kiwanis Club which in turn allows us to support local community events. Thank you so much!

New and Improved . . .

The new leadership of the Board of Directors of the Sierra View Homes Retirement Community was announced as follows: Dorothy Boldt, Chair; Bill Braun, Vice-Chair; Ted Loewen, Secretary; Irvin Isaak, Treasurer; Larry Harder, Lance Zimmerman, Joleen Siebert, Joann Kalafut, and Lois Strole.

The Board Committee Chairs are: Auxiliary, Irvin Isaak; Building and Grounds, Larry Harder; Finance, Irvin Isaak; Personnel, Lance Zimmerman; Strategic Planning, Bill Braun; Public Relations, Joleen Siebert.

These board members serve voluntarily without recompense. The board meetings are once a month. Contacts may be made through the Administration Office.

Veteran Authorization . . .

The Veterans Administration has awarded Sierra View Homes with a Veterans contract beginning April 1, 2019. We have been working to obtain this contract for quite a long time. Sierra View already works with the Veterans for those residents who may be due “aid and attendance” money supplements in Assisted Living. The new contract will allow us to care for Veterans in our skilled nursing services.

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 at 12:00 P.M.

SPRING FLING LUNCHEON

Kings Canyon Room

Sign up in the office

Cost - \$6.25

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019 at 12:00 P.M.

EASTER LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room

Sign up in the office

Cost - \$6.25

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

NANCY'S NUGGETS AND NOTES

Kings Canyon Room

Early "Father's Day" . . .

Thank you to all who donated to the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in relation to the St. Joseph Day Celebration at Sierra View Homes. A representative from MCC did a short presentation on some of the assistance to the poor especially in South America. Adriana spoke on the importance of remembering St. Joseph in European countries since it considers that day "Father's Day." Eight hundred dollars was collected and turned over to MCC.

Spaces for Wonder . . .

Faithful reading of the Bible is hard work. There are many who open their Bible just to scan for passages to defend a point of view they held long before turning to scripture. There are many who do not even open it outside of church. There is no doubt the Bible can be an intimidating book. Mary Shertz, one of my seminary professors, once told us that there are two things congregations need regarding the Bible: Confidence to read and interpret, and knowing where the story fits into the bigger picture.

These are objectives we work towards at our Sierra View Bible Study which meets every other week. We recently finished a year long study of the book of Acts, diving into the historical context of the early church, but always returning to ask what the text is speaking into our lives today and what it means for the mission of the church today. I always look forward to these studies and the deep thoughts and stories they bring forth from a wide variety of Christian traditions and perspectives.

Shertz also says that to allow people to discover the text on their own allows them to wonder instead of react, and we do just that, airing questions we have always wondered about and attentively listening to the ways God is speaking through the text to others. Let us continue to nurture these spaces, where we can wonder together in a spirit of humility over the awesome revelation of God through the Bible.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain