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## **NURSES . . .**

National Nurses' Day is celebrated annually on May 6, 2019, to raise awareness of the important role nurses play in society. It marks the beginning of National Nurses week which ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale. Sierra View residents appreciate the dedication of our licensed nurses and nursing assistants. Thank you!

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# **In the Company of Friends**

## **May 2019**



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

May comes with much anticipation of good weather. Perhaps, it's also a time of a little more good behaving from the kids just in time for Mother's Day. Hopefully, mom's role of enforcer will not be needed as much as kids try to please their moms.

Recently, we spent some time with our seven year-old granddaughter. Sofia was proud of herself in reading some jokes from her joke book. She quizzed us: "When is a school bus not a school bus? . . . When it turns into a parking lot!; Why did the thermometer go to school? . . . It wanted to gain a degree!; Why did the spoon have to stay after school? . . . He was always stirring up trouble!"

Besides the realization that I'm not very good in answering jokes, even the so called easy ones, I am more amazed at how quickly kids grow up. Wasn't it yesterday that we were reading to her . . .

The other day in talking to a mom, she was saying that the trite saying, "It takes a village" should be banned. She felt it was condescending to a woman who puts so many things on hold as she puts her energy towards nurturing, rearing, and loving a child unconditionally. Mom's responsibility and accountability are all encompassing: The 'village' saying minimizes the bond of a mother and child; and, of course, social media ridicules that bond. For that mom, there is nothing more important than that bond of motherly unconditional love for her child. Even when the role is done by a family member due to illness and other circumstances, the role is still an individual role.

No question that motherhood is hard work. We see so many American women have fewer or no children. Some residents feel bad for their grandchildren not having any children and not being able to have that joy in life.

So, as we come to Mother's Day, we remember moms who have passed away, but have left us the gift of their love. And we celebrate all the moms who have the courage and fortitude to give so much of themselves to another.

May you have a blessed Mother's Day!

*Vito Genna*

## Medi-Cal Incentive Award . . .

The California Department of Public Health announced that Sierra View Homes is the recipient of a Medi-Cal Incentive Award for 2018-2019. The award goes to nursing care facilities that hit the 75% on certain benchmarks on pressure ulcers, restraints, immunizations, urinary tract infections, control of bowel and bladder, pain control, increased need for help with activities of daily living (ADL's), and re-hospitalization. The state looks at staff retention as well. Congratulations to our care center in receiving this award and continuing to give good care and support to our residents.

## New Medicare Cards . . .

If you have not received your new Medicare card that was supposed to be mailed to you last year, come see Jenny Penner. She can help you retrieve it from the Medicare website.

## **AUXILIARY SPRING BENEFIT DINNER SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

**This year's event features the return of  
*Reedley Area Singers***

**All proceeds will go toward outdoor furniture and  
exercise equipment.**

**Remember the Silent Auction.**

**You may bring items any time to the Activity Room in  
Skilled Nursing. Reservations can be made by calling the  
office at 559 638-9226.**

**Tickets are \$60 per plate and a table of eight at the dis-  
counted rate of \$420 per table.**

**Sierra View residents have a discounted rate of \$40.**

## ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019 at 12:00 P.M.

### PRAYER LUNCHEON

Sierra View Homes is featuring a prayer luncheon in the Sierra View Homes Kings Canyon Room as coordinated by Joyce Goertzen and Audrey Ashlock. Carol Fite, presenter.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019 at 12:00 P.M.

### MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room

Sign up in the office. Cost - \$6.25

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 at 12:00 P.M.

### MEMORIAL DAY BARBEQUED LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room

Sign up in the office. Cost - \$6.25

### Pray, Hope and Be Joyful . . .

The 39th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 7:00 a.m at the Reedley Community Center. The speaker is Pastor Ron Robertson of the Full Gospel Tabernacle. The free breakfast is sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Reedley Sunrise, Rotary Club of Reedley, The City of Reedley, and Sierra View Homes Retirement Community. All free-will offerings collected will benefit Community Youth Ministries.

### Embodying Resurrection . . .

It may come as no surprise that I have been reflecting a lot on resurrection this month. This is the season we focus our attention on the *event* of the resurrection. Anticipation builds in the church as we near the end of Lent. We sing hosannas on Palm Sunday, take communion on Maundy Thursday, reflect on the seven last words of Jesus on Good Friday, and show up for the highest attended Sunday service on Easter morning to celebrate the resurrection.

But how do we keep from losing that energy when we head back to work on Monday? I believe one way to do so is by understanding resurrection as not only a one-time event found in scripture, but also a reflection of the character of God that we are to carry forth into the world. Resurrection means seeing the good in people in situations where the world has long given up. It means being faithful even when the work does not seem to bear fruit or "results". And it means releasing the logic of our own minds to the mysterious wisdom of God's plans. Let us not stop the Easter celebration of resurrection on Easter this year. Let us go forth and embody resurrection as well, so that the world may know the love of God through our actions.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain