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Dear Sierra View Staff . . .

You all took such good care of our dad and grandfather, Mick Brunswick. Thank you all so much. We loved getting to know each of you. You have a place in our hearts.

**With Love,
The Family of Casimir "Mick" Brunswick**

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In the Company of Friends

September 2019



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

September always brings with it a bunch of changes. Summer vacations draw to a close; students are back to school; commuting may take a few more minutes with school buses on the road and life's many schedules begin to ramp up again.

Of course, here at Sierra View Homes the busyness happens too. Work on next year's budget begins. Again, it will be tricky to keep resident rates moderate while the State of California's minimum wage rages up another full dollar. Some of our regular employees are heading back to school so they desire a more abbreviated schedule.

Our care center will also host a Certified Nurse Assistant class to complete their "on the floor" instructions. The class is offered through the ROP program. Gurnich School will also be teaching students to become Licensed Vocational Nurses during the fall, as well. Outside student parking will be directed to Springfield Avenue.

And one more thing, I'm almost afraid to say it; but we were promised a state clearance on our dining room extension architectural plan by September 4, 2019. Once we have the approved plan in hand, construction will begin. We already had a preconstruction meeting with all the different trades, some 24 people in all, so we and they are ready to go.

When construction begins, we will temporarily lose up to eight parking spots. Please be patient with us while contractors do their work. It should take about four months to complete.

So as we move through this month, may we be a little anxious in a good way and excited and ready to learn, just like students beginning their new school year.

Have a good September!

Vito Genna

Room 10 . . .

Our multi-purpose center, Room 10, received a new flooring recently. The old floor was bubbling and was becoming a trip hazard. The new sheet vinyl design creates a nice environment for meetings. And its easy to quickly mop to keep it clean.

Besides its availability to our residents; some non-profit groups, such as the ARC and the Girl Scouts, are given permission to use the room as well.

Workplace Stuff . . .

Nearly 150 employees call Sierra View Homes Retirement Community their workplace. We are happy to report that in a recent satisfaction survey some 90% of the staff noted that Sierra View is an outstanding place to work, and they would recommend it to family and friends. Ninety-six percent enjoy coming to work and making a difference in the lives we serve.

The answers to the various questions attest to the right kind of attitude. We are certainly thankful for our caring, thoughtful, and hardworking employees.

Satisfaction Surveys . . .

The results of Sierra View Homes Resident Surveys are being tallied at this time. We will disclose results in our October newsletter. Thank you to all those who participated.

To Sierra View . . .

"I want to extend my deepest gratitude for all the wonderful friends and great facility that you all provided for my mother, Shirley Edwards. She truly enjoyed every day. The plant is a beautiful extension of care you have provided for all your residents. On behalf of my mother, Thank You."

Cathy Barnes

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019 - 12:00 P.M.

LABOR DAY BARBEQUE LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room

Sign up in the office

Cost - \$6.25

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 - 5:30 P.M.

KIWANIS SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER

Kings Canyon Room

Sign up in the office

Cost - \$5.00 for Sierra View Homes Residents,
\$10 all others.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Kings Canyon Room

This service is in memory of residents of Sierra View Homes Retirement Community who passed away during the last several months

Board Announcement . . .

The Sierra View Homes Board of Directors has announced that Ro Linscheid is appointed as Executive Director/CEO as of February 1, 2020. Vito Genna, in light of his desire to spend more time with family, will continue as Associate Executive Director as of February 1, 2020 on a 24 hour-a-week, part-time basis.

The Importance of Fellowship . . .

As Jesus prepares to enter into his ministry, one of the first things he does is to seek out disciples and companions with whom to spend the rest of his earthly life. As we continue our way through the Gospels we find them almost always by his side. This was an unusual initiative on Jesus' part, as the cultural norm was for teachers to wait for followers to seek out the *teacher*.

Jesus recognized early on that the path he would walk would be one full of hardships and suffering, and he immersed himself in community. Investing so deeply in relationship not only provided the support Jesus needed to do his ministry, it also planted deep the seeds of love and fellowship that birthed the church.

An old proverb says that "people cannot know each other until they have eaten a bag of salt together." Since, of course, one only consumes salt a little bit at a time, it takes many deep conversations to finish a bag of salt. Like Jesus we are called to love everyone. But like Jesus, we should also seek out close relationships that bear fruit through the persistence and intentionality of fellowship.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain