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Dear Friends of Sierra View . . .

“Terry and I want to thank you for the beautiful plant. We appreciate the love and concern you showed Genevieve over these last several months. Your Kindness will always be remembered.”

Sincerely, Terry and Susan Lane
Family of Genevieve Lane

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In the Company of Friends

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

Happy New Year. Wow 2020!

Many of us will get started on some New Year's resolutions, no doubt. Let's hope we keep them realistic and achievable.

One of our family goals took my wife and I to the Social Security office just a couple days before Christmas. Somehow, in this new year, I will hit that magical age of becoming a Social Security recipient. Although, the office was full of people, our wait time was only 20 minutes without an appointment. The agent was plenty helpful and pleasant. After laying out a couple of options we took option one which protects both of us and will certainly be helpful as I take on my new roll and work part-time in 2020.

The agent was especially nice when she said we look so young and healthy. Of course, implied was the ending of that "for your age." We will take the compliment anyway. What was obvious of the others waiting in the Social Security office was the younger age of the recipients or potential recipients who had disabilities. It makes us humble and grateful that we have been healthy enough to reach retirement age without any government assistance.

You hear the phrase "age is a state of mind," and I do believe that. But as 2020 begins and we receive our first Social Security check, it's a bit sobering. Will it somehow change us? Hope not. As we dig into 2020, I hope to continue to stretch my mind, body, and perhaps most important, my relationship with the Almighty.

I hope all of you have that opportunity to stretch as well in this new year, yet always being thankful to God for all the life you have.

Happy New Year!

Vito Genna

Congratulations . . .

The American Health Care Association has commended Sierra View Home's proven commitment to quality. The Sierra View accomplishment means that we have improved the lives of the individuals we serve which is what the Quality Initiative is ultimately about. The award comes from our good functional outcomes for residents and our control over needless medications.

Annual Meeting . . .

Sierra View Homes will hold its Annual Auxiliary Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and Corporation Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Terraces Lobby on Thursday, February 13, 2020. Proxy votes for the Board of Director's meeting will be sent out early January with a closing date of January 23, 2020. Dorothy Boldt, Chair, is finishing her second term and is not eligible to run again. Joann Kalafut and Bill Braun are finishing their first term, and are willing to run again. As candidates come forward, information will be sent out. The election of Board members will take place at the Corporation Meeting. The annual report will also be available during the meeting. Please call Kecia, Administrative Assistant, for any further information.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020 at 11:30 A.M.

SPECIAL AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

The Sierra View Homes Auxiliary would like to extend to you an invitation to attend a complimentary luncheon in the Terrace lobby. A presentation will be provided on what the Auxiliary does and what you can do to be a part of this worthwhile organization that benefits the residents of Sierra View Homes. Come join us for a time of fellowship, lunch and good information.

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Bowl Game

Mineral King Room

Snacks and refreshments will be served.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

New Year's Cookies

Kings Canyon Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

Golden Agers Town Meeting

Kings Canyon Room

Thanks So Much . . .

“From when our dad needed your care to our mom’s recent passing, we have trusted you to care for our parents for about 20 years. We are truly grateful to you for all the care you have poured into them. Thank you so much for helping them through this most difficult time. You have been a blessing to them as well as us, their children.”

Very gratefully yours,
Paul Reimer
Son of Helen Reimer

A Light Shines in the Darkness...

We have arrived once again at one of the most anticipated seasons of the year. Lights and wreaths, Christmas goodies, familiar carols, family gatherings, gifts, and the list goes on. Yet with high expectations also comes the reality that our expectations are never quite met. We are stressed and exhausted with the never-ending lists of things to be done, we take turns feeling under the weather, and we experience sadness as we remember the people and traditions that are no longer in our life.

Thankfully, our Scripture accompanies us through these times, reminding us that we are not the only ones to walk through dark times and we are not the only ones to wait anxiously for the time the crooked ways will be made straight again. The God who never forgets or forsakes is on the move. Can you perceive it?

May you be open to gratitude this holiday season for all of the blessings that surround you. And in those dark times, may you remember the Christ who came into our world to reveal the light of God, which shines through the darkness. A light the darkness can not overcome.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain