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Thanks to All of You!

“We would like to thank the staff at both Skilled Nursing and Marden’s Place! We appreciate all of the care and support that Betty Lou received while living at Sierra View Homes for the past nine months. All of your staff from Administration, Nursing, Activities, Maintenance and Food Services performed their jobs with a smile on their faces and a caring spirit. Whenever the family needed help or support, one of your staff was willing and ready to serve. We thank you all for your kindness and the love that you shared with Betty Lou on a daily basis.”

The Family of Betty Lou Bush

Sierra View Homes Retirement Community

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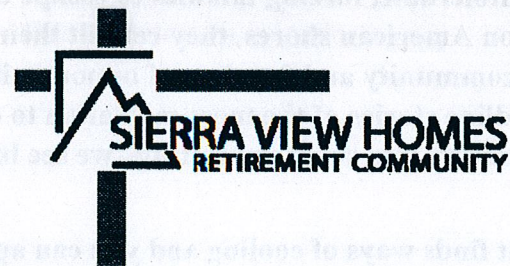
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In the Company of Friends

August 2015



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

Oasis! Adriana and I were able to escape the summer heat for a week recently. We met up with our son and his family and flew together to the big island of Hawaii. Having been told this island is unique and nothing like the more typical islands, like Kauai; we weren't sure what we were in for. We landed in Kona around 9:30 p.m. and found our rental condo about an hour away. The condo is owned by investors and it is in a complex with two pools and a private beach about a 1/2 mile away. On the island of Hawaii, a beach is a precious commodity since most of the island is made up of, and visibly abound with lava rock. The weather, a balmy 70 to 80 degrees, was near perfect since the threatened tropical storm broke up over the ocean. Our three-year-old granddaughter was happy since the property owner left a plastic toy pail and shovels. So we did some digging of sand and small lava rocks. The other pastime was finding the right fresh flower for her hair from the Plumeria tree each morning and the Gecko sightings. In addition to the relaxed times, we managed to see high in the hills the "painted Church" (with artistic ceiling and wall murals), a coffee bean farm, a macadamia nut plantation, an active volcano crater and many water falls. Of course, we found Costco to stock up the rental condo.

I had a chance to catch up on some summer reading as well. I finished a book Doris Siebert gave me, "Our Life Story and Escape" by H. Isaak. The book detailed life in Russia for the Mennonite farmers that went over a couple hundred years, from welcoming and prosperous to deprivation and treachery. First the Socialists Revolutionists and then the Communists swiftly made living accommodations intolerable, forcing families to escape through China. Once safe on American shores, they rebuilt their lives through a helpful community and freedom of opportunity. Today, as we read the headline stories of the mass migration to our borders and desperate migration into southern Europe, we see history repeating itself.

I hope your August finds ways of cooling and you can appreciate the religious and individual freedoms we have in this country.

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Your Opinion, please...

Soon you will be receiving a satisfaction survey delivered to your door or sent in the mail. Residents and/or family members are requested to please fill the one-or two-page survey promptly and return signed or unanimous. Each service line resident - Residential Living, Residential Care and the Care Center - will receive the form. It should take only five minutes to fill out. We are asking you to be frank in your evaluation of us. We will tally the results and print a summary in the newsletter. Employees of Sierra View will also be given their own survey to complete. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please call Ro.

Door, O' Door, Where are you Door No. 5...

Unfortunately, we ran into a snag in procuring an automatic door for the back door leading to the Terrace Parking from the Dining Room. Key Design assures us that we should be able to get the parts and closure in by the end of August. Many of you have been waiting a long time for this to happen.

Spreading...

The construction noise came to a halt and our expanded office is now available. The new section is now the board/conference room. The old conference room is now a sectioned off office. Ro will be moving into the office, so that the accounting section can be expanded in her old space.

Wheels...

Sierra View is in the process of procuring a second resident wheelchair van since funds have been donated for that cause. The Sierra View Auxiliary contributed \$15,000, the Japanese Community contributed \$5,000 and one of our residents contributed \$5,000. Additional operational funds will be used to make up the difference.

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 at 11:00 A.M.
FIFTIES DINER LUNCH

With Entertainment by
Michael Nagy

Founders Dining

**If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the
office by Monday, August 17**

Suggested donation - \$6.00

Thursdays At Dinner

**If you missed any of the Kingsburg Band Concerts, here's your
chance to hear them. During dinner on Thursday nights, they
will be playing a recording of the Kingsburg Band Concert.**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 at 11:30 A.M.

DISNEY CHARACTER LUNCH

KINGS CANYON ROOM

Stay and watch the movie at 1:00 P.M. - Snow White.

Cost for lunch - \$6.00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 at 11:30 A.M.

MICKEY MOUSE CLUB LUNCHEON

KINGS CANYON ROOM

COST - \$6.00

**Join us for a Magical Month of Disney for Disney
movies each week in August on
Friday and Saturdays.**

Suffering is not a Sin...

Suffering is not a sin. The devil would try to tempt us otherwise. Remember how it was with Job. His three friends (then four), all poor theologians, tried to connect the dots between Job's suffering and his sin. The same temptation comes to us when we think that a Christian must always be happy and cheerful, or when we imagine that there is some sort of shame in suffering and trouble.

Let me say it again, suffering is not a sin. If suffering was a sin, then Jesus would have committed sin. Who, after all, suffered more than our Lord Jesus on His cross? On the cross He tasted God's wrath, and knew the depths of the affliction of hell. Jesus suffered. He did not sin.

And Jesus was not alone in His suffering. As Christians, we share in the Lord's suffering. Rather than being sin, suffering is part and parcel of the Christian life.

In Matthew 16:24 Jesus bids: "take up your cross and follow Me." Jesus has warned us that in this world we will have trouble. "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." [John 16:33]

This trouble and tribulation comes from the world, the flesh and the devil, the three constant enemies of the Lord and His church. It was this way from the beginning, and will be this way until the Lord returns; the Lord's people suffer.

The apostle Paul encourages the church to "rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." [Romans 5:3-5] Far from being a sin, suffering is a mark of being Christian. The holy cross is a mark of the church. In this life we are traveling through a vale of tears, the valley of the shadow of death, but the Lord is with us in our suffering. He knows what it's like. And He comes to us with His comforting promises that He will never leave or forsake us [Hebrews 13:5], that He will be with us always, even to the end of the age [Matthew 28:20]. He promises that while our suffering will be for a while, His comfort and life and salvation will last forever.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." [Romans 8:18]

Chaplain - Arlee Johnson