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Dear Sierra View Administration and Staff . . .

For the past seven years you have cared for and ministered to the care of my parents, Jim and Dorothy Halemeier. Though difficult for them to accept at the beginning of their stay, your love and care eventually made their time at Sierra View a place of friends and family.

Thank you all!
Tim and Karin Halemeier

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

We are now entering an exciting time of the year. The summer fruit ripens to perfection, graduations are happening; weddings bring new beginnings; concerts are happening in the park; and Father's Day and Flag Day celebrations are all part of the excitement of June.

June is the month to celebrate fathers. In May of 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Wash., sat in church listening to a Mother's Day sermon. She decided she wanted to designate a day for her dad, William Jackson Smart. Dodd's mother had died in childbirth, and Dodd's father, a Civil War veteran, had taken the responsibility of singlehandedly raising the newborn and his other five children.

At the first Father's Day celebration, young women handed out red roses to their fathers during a church service. Large baskets full of roses were passed around, with attendees encouraged to pin on a rose in honor of their fathers – red for the living and white in memory of the deceased. Dodd then brought her infant son along on a horse-drawn carriage ride through the city, bringing roses and gifts to homebound fathers. I do not remember, as a child, giving my dad roses on Father's Day but I do remember and miss the kind and gentle man who cared for me as I grew up. I have so much respect for the hard-working South Dakota farmer that he was.

June is a time when we can gather outside. Folks are gathering in the gazebos. Old and new friendships are being formed. There are new residents in all levels of Sierra View Homes Retirement Community. Our Care Center is now back to capacity like pre COVID times.

June is the month we should get our new van. We anxiously await the news that our new passenger van is ready so we can go places like the band concerts in Kingsburg, the mountains, the parks or to points of interest somewhere.

June is a time for gardens and flowers. Sierra View Homes residents have enjoyed the beautiful flowers and gardens on campus. Thank you to everyone who put in time and energy to make the gardens beautiful.

June is a time to celebrate life. I pray you have the month of June filled with pleasant happy events and memories.

Ro Linscheid

You Will Be My Witnesses . . .

Acts 1 tells us that for 40 days after his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples and spoke about the Kingdom of God. It is hard to fathom the relief and joy the disciples experienced, after presuming him forever dead to them. And yet, that feeling of comfort and security was short-lived. Jesus' time on earth was done and the disciples would have to again return to the question that dominated in their minds: "Now what?"

We all go through "Now what?" phases of our lives. For years or perhaps even decades we can coast on the comfort of routine and normalcy. Everything in its right place, just the way we like it. Then something shifts. The loss of a job or a loved one. A dear friend or mentor moving away. A trauma that fundamentally changes the way we see the world. And we too, turn our gaze heavenward and ask: "now what?"

Facing Jesus' imminent departure, the disciples had a list of questions they needed answered, times and dates set in stone. But Jesus' primary concern was not that of the disciples. "*It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority,*" he says. "*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*" (Acts 1:7-8).

When the storms of change rage around us, may we cling to each other as the disciples eventually learned to do. May we open ourselves to the Spirit of God which accompanies us even when we feel it not. And when answers evade us, may we be content to stand witness to the simple yet profound love of the Kingdom until the answers are made clear in God's time.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain

Kiwanis Dinner . . .

Thank you Sierra View Homes for hosting the Spring fundraiser dinner and auction for the Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Reedley. The beef kabob surrounded by an Italian style potato salad, topped off with the soft serve Cappuccino ice cream dessert created a fantastic meal.

The service to the medium sized crowd and the sixty take-out orders went very smooth. Our auctioneer, Archie Gipson, was on top of his game. Archie made it fun, competitive, and successful as the crowd bid on the many interesting items. Items included burl wood tables, a metal outdoor bicycle planter, a fourth of July fun basket, a Sunmaid chocolate and raisin basket, a mountain bike, a collector's numbered Bill of Rights, and several other items.

Archie, also a minister at a Fresno Christian Church, ended up winning the 50/50 raffle and will apply the winnings to his church functions. Although final reckoning still has to be accounted for, the Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Reedley cleared \$4000.00, that evening. The monies will be used to fund the Reedley community projects and different programs for children. Thank you again. And we appreciate Sierra View Homes allowing us to meet the first and third Wednesday's of each month in your Kings Canyon Dining Room.

Thank you again Sierra View Homes
Gordon Todd, Board Director
Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Reedley

Dear Staff . . .

Thank you for the good care you gave to our father, Charlie, while he was with you. Thank you, too, for the beautiful plant you sent to the memorial. It was greatly appreciated.

The Family of Charles Neufeld

Credit Card Processing . . .

We now have the ability to accept payments by credit card. We have to apply a 3.5% surcharge on all credit card payments for all services except donations. We are not able to accept debit cards, but payments can be made with a credit card.

One Baby Relates in Many Ways . . .

It's a boy, he is eight pounds, ten ounces, and 18.5 inches long. Yes, one of our Dining Room Hostesses finished her work in her pregnancy and is now mom to two children. Samantha and baby Christopher are doing well. This child has other relatives that work at Sierra View Homes.

The child's aunt, Patti Ceballos, works as a day cook in Dietary, and his grandmother, Rosie Ceballos, works in activities in Skilled Nursing. We wish Samantha, Patti, and Rosie congratulations.

Garden Apt. Laundry Hours . . .

The summer heat is upon us. The hours for the laundry room in Room 10 will change beginning June 1, 2022. It will open at 5:00 a.m. and close at 12:30 p.m. each day. Thank you for understanding. As you can imagine the cost of energy in the afternoon is very expensive and it is a small assist in keeping the demand for electricity down for the grid.

Flag Day, June 14 . . .

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. The day commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

Do you know the flag's history? According to American legend, in June 1776, George Washington commissioned Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, to create a flag for the new nation in anticipation of a declaration of its independence.

On June 14, 1777, John Adams spoke about the flag at a meeting of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He said, "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." There have been twenty-seven official versions of the flag so far; stars have been added to it as states have entered the Union. The current version dates to July 4, 1960, when Hawaii became the 50th state.

(MK)=Mineral King Room (KC/FR)=Kings Canyon Room or Founder's Room	Daily activities are posted on the white boards in the Residential Care Facility	TURN YOUR TELEVISION TO CHANNEL 2 FOR A LIST OF DAILY ACTIVITIES.				
			1 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 10:30am- Resident Council (MK) 2:00pm- Bible Study (KC)	2 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 2:00pm-Bingo	3 9:00am- Chats with Chaplain 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 2:00pm- Nails	4 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 1:30pm-Movie & Popcorn (MK)
5 9:00am-Church Service 10:15am-Sunday Surprise (MK) 2:00pm-Nails	6 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 10:30am-Memory Jogger 2:00pm-Arm Chair Travel	7 9:30am-Men's Coffee 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 2:00pm-Bingo	8 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 10:30am- Current Events Coffee Social (MK) 2:00pm- Bible Study (KC)	9 *Dr. Mc Lean (Podiatrist) (MK) 10:00am-Food Committee Meeting (KC)	10 9:00am- Chats with Chaplain 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 1:30pm-Disney Movie Day	11 10:15am-Sittercise (MK) 2:00pm-Spring Refreshments (MK)
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