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Blessings . . .

We want to thank all of those who's lives intersected with Fern and Quentin Unruh during their time at Sierra View. They were both well taken care of and shown much love and respect and care. It gave our family much peace knowing that those that served them cared and kept an eye on them. Thank you again for the beautiful plant. It means a lot.

From the Unruh Family

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In the Company of Friends

July 2018



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE . . .

As July moves in, we experience more family and friend visitors coming on campus. Let's hope for the cool breezes we had in the Spring continues.

As you are aware, the Sierra View Auxiliary featured Scott MacIntyre at its annual dinner. I was fortunate to pick Scott and family up at the Fresno Airport the night before the benefit event. His wife, Christina and their 20-month old son Christian, made the journey with him from their home in Nashville. It was great to get to know Scott and his family. Little Christian was still in good humor in spite of the two plane connections.

Scott performed at Sierra View five years ago and he has some friends and family in the area. Hearing his story, you can understand why the Bible verse is so important: "We live by faith, not by sight." Scott has benefited from strangers on two different occasions for two kidney transplants.

Scott has been blind from birth. Yet, this limitation and other physical ailments drove him beyond the limits. His belief in God's presence and the love and support of his family gave him the foresight to know he could do better and make it through. Since his appearance on American Idol, he has become the gifted songwriter, instrument player and singer we witnessed at the Auxiliary benefit.

Recently, a Christmas gift came due. It allowed Adriana and I to contemplate the power of pushing through limitations again. We were able to witness the talented Andrea Bocelli perform. He was born with poor eyesight and became completely blind at age 12 following a sports accident. The Italian singer, songwriter and record producer plays the piano and flute as well.

Certainly, we were not able to get too near to Andrea like Scott. Indeed, residents were fortunate to hear Scott do some impromptu singing and piano playing besides the official show time. This personable entertainer and his family spent the weekend on the Sierra View campus and we are all better for it.

Perhaps in this month of July, we could be inspired and not held back by our personal limitations, perceived or otherwise.

Have a good July and Happy Fourth!

Vito Genna

With Sincere Appreciation . . .

As I reflect on my years at Sierra View, I am especially thankful for the love and support I felt from both the residents and the staff. Everyone made my work here a labor of love, joy and peace. My love and prayers continue to go with you.

With Much Love,
Arlee and JoAnn Johnson
Sierra View Chaplain five years

P.S. The Sierra View print hangs at a place of honor in our house. It is the first thing all who come through our front door see.

From Sierra View Homes Auxiliary . . .

Thanks to all who participated in a successful Sierra View Homes 2018 Benefit Dinner. Many volunteers were involved in making this event a success. Proceeds from this event will enable the Sierra View Homes Auxiliary to maximize the quality and enjoyment of the lives served at Sierra View Homes Retirement Community.

Irvin Isaak
SVH Auxiliary President

Signs of the Time . . .

As seen on a plumber's truck:

We repair what your husband fixed

As seen at a tire shop:

Invite us to your next blowout

As possibly seen at the Optometrist's office:

If you don't see what you are looking for, you've come to the right place

As seen outside a muffler shop:

No appointment needed, we heard you coming

As seen at a mortuary:

Finally some rest

As seen on a church's bulletin board:

Seven days without God makes one weak.

ACTIVITY HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

INDEPENDENCE DAY BARBECUE LUNCH

Kings Canyon Room

Entertainment from the Wild Cats Band and home-made ice cream for dessert. Sign up in the office

Cost - \$6.00

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

History of American Language

Presented by David Beaumont (resident in Terraces)

Kings Canyon Room

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018 at 11:30 A.M.

GIANT LEAP LUNCHEON

Kings Canyon Room

This luncheon is to mark the 49th Anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon.

Sign up in the office.

Cost - \$6.00

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

WATERMELON FEED

Kings Canyon Room

Finding the Sacred in the Mundane . . .

We love movie previews. Though they are in essence advertisements, something we usually go out of our way to avoid, I rarely hear anyone complain in a movie theatre during the fifteen minutes of previews that run before the feature film.

Previews are packed full of all the best parts a movie has to offer, from the breathtaking cinematography to the jaw dropping special effects to the witty jokes that break the tension and add comic relief.

Deep down we sometimes long for a life that plays out like a movie preview. A life with a stirring soundtrack that catches us at our best moments, saying all the right things and jumping right into the action.

Yet our day-to-day lives are a far cry from the excitement of previews. Our glitz and glamor culture has taught us to dread the mundane rhythms of daily life. There is no room in previews for morning routines, time spent in traffic, waiting in line at the post office or trying to figure out what is wrong with your car. Yet, the reality is that the majority of all of our lives are spent in these routines. If we spend our lives waiting around for the “exciting” parts we will have squandered a large part of our lives.

I have been thinking a lot about Paul recently, as I have been reading and teaching about him quite a bit. Paul lived quite an exciting life if we zoom out and look at the big picture, yet I have to imagine the hours that Paul spent walking, working as a craftsman (we suspect he was a tent-maker), or sitting in prison.

What we do with the ordinariness of our lives is important. We can choose to mindlessly wander through them in search of more exciting times, or we can approach them with intentionality, seeking the sacred in the mundane. May we lead grateful and attentive lives. God has been known to show up in the strangest of places.

Caley Ortman, Chaplain