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Simon & Hattie Weststeyn pose in Dutch outfits as part of National Nursing Home Week.

On A Mission

By Cindy Scheublein

EXCITING NEWS! Bethany Home is rolling out a revised mission statement, core values and vision statement.

Henry Meester, Board President, who led the mission committee through the prayerful process of updating the statements said, "The new Mission and Vision statements were drafted to help clarify our direction and keep our mission on the right track, while at the same time provide inspiration for staff, residents and board members. Developing these statements was a collaborative effort that involved Society and Foundation board members and Bethany staff."

Our former mission statement and core values were adopted by the board of directors in 1995. These statements emphasized Bethany Home's Christian faith, recognizing each individual as an image bearer of God and the importance of providing security, support and care of the highest possible quality. The committee realized the importance of maintaining these values. As you read them, you will see that many words and phrases are incorporated in the revised statements. Our goal in this process was to create a mission statement that could be memorized and used on a regular basis by all of our staff, residents and board members.

New Mission Statement: *To honor and enrich the aging experience in a secure, vibrant Christ-centered community.*

In addition, the committee created a vision statement that supports our mission and establishes a clear goal for our work. Creating a vision statement required much thought and prayer as the committee explored long range goals and future aspirations. Just as Bethany Home founders responded to the need of the community, we desire to continue this mission of response. We aspire to be the place for people to call or stop by with age-related questions; to have an in-depth list of resources ready; and to provide educational seminars.

New Vision Statement: *Serving interactive generations by becoming a leading resource on aging.*

My hope and desire is for the entire Bethany Home community to be inspired by these statements and eager to support and implement them! At recent meetings with employees and residents, I challenged everyone to join me in memorizing both the mission and vision. Congratulations to Barbara McGee, Cheryl Nichols, Antoinette Strock, and Vonnie Van Dyken for reciting them successfully!

OUR MISSION

To honor and enrich the aging experience in a secure, vibrant Christ-centered community.

CORE VALUES

Honor individuals with respect, recognizing each as an image bearer of God and an object of Christ's love.

Enrich individuals by elevating their experiences through Christ-like care and activities.

Recognize the aging experience is different for each person by offering

individualized care by dedicated, compassionate staff.

Respond to God's call by providing each service in a spirit of Christian love while constantly seeking God's guidance.

Welcome and inspire individuals to live and act cooperatively and responsibly toward others, God and community.

VISION STATEMENT

Serving interactive generations by becoming a leading resource on aging.

Each word has a purpose:

Servingaccepting God's call to serve and care for each other

Interactive.....living and working together

Generations....residents & their families, staff, churches, schools, community organizations and government agencies

Becoming.....we have work to do — something to strive for!

Leading.....be the “go-to” for aging assistance

Resource.....make connections — communicate and/or provide options

Agingthe journey of life, which is different for each person



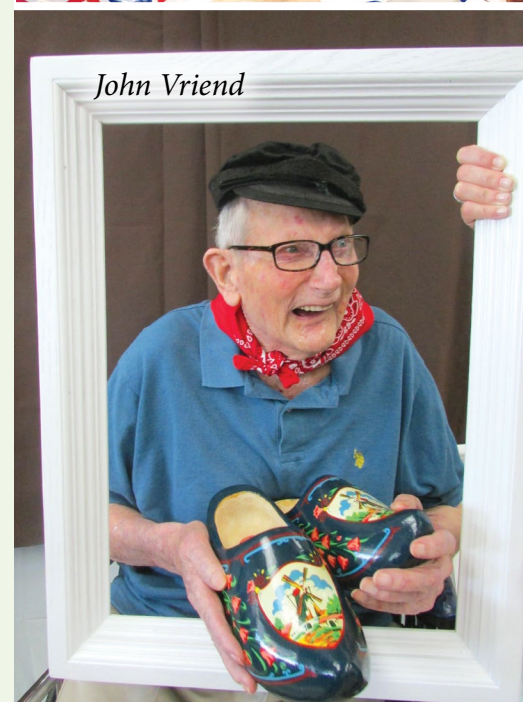
Exercise at Beth Haven



Patience Carpenter & Anna Bijleveld



Louise Zwakenberg, Judy Gehman, Ruth Henrichs and Wanda Thompson were happy servers at the campus wide choir performance and 4th of July celebration.



John Vriend



Margaret De Bari



Clara Mae Teekell during National Nursing Home Week

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Bethany Home's mission is to honor and enrich the aging experience in a secure, vibrant Christ-centered community. Your generous support of this ministry has allowed Bethany Home to become what it is today.

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Planning for Future Generations

You've helped make Bethany Home the most beloved senior care facility in the area, and now it is our time to expand this vibrant home for the next generation of residents. This month we mailed out 4,000 questionnaires to people in Ripon and our surrounding communities. The survey asked questions such as; how important would it be to have the following services or amenities offered by the community? Restaurant-style take-out, local transportation, lectures/classes, auditorium for events and gatherings, arts studio, convenience store, personal garden space.

Please pray for a massive response to this survey. The answers will help guide us as we prepare a long-range strategic plan. We have the challenge of preparing for the future all the while the need and cost of senior

health care is increasing at alarming rates. This is combined with the fact that people are living longer, often on limited resources. At Bethany Home, we believe that all seniors should have the ability to live out their lives with dignity.

Our new vision statement encourages us to serve inter-active generations by becoming a leading resource on aging. With your help, Bethany Home can plan for the future generations and be there for those who need our help now.

Bethany Home is committed to staying on the cutting edge — for you, for your loved ones, for the community. Please help to make this possible with your contribution. ■

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Six Residents Honored as Centenarians



Six centenarians were celebrated at Ripon's Bethany Home in August with their family members. They are from left former Ripon elementary school teacher Lillian Hubers with her daughter-in-law Kathy Hubers; Pearl Weststeyn Hoff; Luetta Denman with great-granddaughters Janel and Lindsay Holfman and great-great-grandchildren Jennie, Rylee and Jayme; Sally Vogan with her son and daughter-in-law Lee and Ann Vogan; Edythe Sealy Myer, standing, and Betty Chaffin.

By GLENN KAHL

Six women totaling 604 years of age together were celebrated at Ripon's Bethany Home with one of them — Luetta Denman 101 — seeing her newborn great-great-granddaughter Jayme for the first time, quickly kissing her on the cheek. Born in Silver Springs, Texas, she and her husband spent much of their time in Alaska where they homesteaded lots of land. She moved to Ripon some two years ago. Her family said she has a passion for anything chocolate but her favorite dessert is peanut butter and chocolate ice cream.

Lillian Hubers at 100 years was a former elementary school teacher in the Ripon community. She was born in Iowa on

a corn-producing farm with her family in a rural community. Lillian said she had two brothers and a sister along with two children of her own Joyce Neerhof and Gary Hubers. She said she had attended a one-room school as a young girl.

Pearl Weststeyn Hoff moved to Ripon as a teenager and married a young farmer Henry Hoff and raised two boys and a girl, Margaret Snodgrass and Jay and John Hoff. Now 100 she was born in South Dakota in October of 1915.

Sally Vogan, also 100, was born in Fresno and served the war effort in the '40s working on fuselage assembly of fighter planes at Chandler Field in Fresno. Her husband, Elmer "Jay" was in the Navy when they met in 1936 getting



Centenarian Luetta Denman is caught kissing her newborn great-great-granddaughter Jayme as she is recognized among six Ripon women for reaching her 100 year plus status. Three of the women were 100, two 101 and one 102. Luetta is surrounded by great-granddaughters Lindsay and Janel Holfman and great-great-granddaughters Rylee, Jayme and Jennie.

out of the military a short time later but called back to duty in 1938 just prior to World War II. He was a bowson's mate and assigned to construction with his first major accomplishment working on the Fryant Dam. The Vogans lived in Escalon and from 1994 were full-time RV'ers for some 13 years.

Edythe Sealey Meyer, 102, with her husband Curley owned and operated Manteca Feed and Supply in Manteca they opened in 1946. She had also worked as a sales clerk at the Brown-Mahin Department Store in the downtown. They had two boys and two girls with their daughter Darlene being the only survivor. The boys were Donald and Darwin along with daughter Donna. She lived in Manteca 56 years and now has been at Bethany Home for 19 years and is

currently living at Beth Haven Assisted Living. Edythe was born at Wolback, Nebraska. Edythe said she read the Manteca Bulletin religiously over the years and editor George Murphy's column "Batting the Breeze." Chuckling, she said, "I got to where I batted it better than he did so I just forgot about it."

Centenarian Betty Chaffin, 101, has been living at Bethany for several years. She was born in Java, Indonesia where her family spoke only Dutch. They eventually moved to California and she attended San Jose State and became a medical assistant in Hayward, she remembers. Betty later married Robert Chaffin at the Hollywood Hotel. The couple had three children, one daughter, Bonnie, and two sons. ■



Above Front: Alys Albright Below: Betty Ann den Dulk and her great grandkids



Milestone Anniversaries



Dedication to service is one of the many reasons why Bethany Home is a regional care provider of choice. The investment our staff makes into the lives of our residents is reflected in the warm and friendly environment they create everyday.

Shari Vos	30 yrs.	Dietary Supervisor
Kristine Bjerke	25 yrs.	Beauty Shop
Beth Netjes*	25 yrs.	Beth Haven Activities
Lisa Bauman*	25 yrs.	Skilled Nursing Activities
Doris VanHofwegen*	25 yrs.	Beth Haven Caregiver
Alberta Kreun	20 yrs.	Dietary
Shirley Oyer	20 yrs.	Dietary Supervisor
Hermelinda Becerra	15 yrs.	Skilled Nursing CNA
Melinda Alves	15 yrs.	Dietary
Jose Ventura*	10 yrs.	Director of Staff Development
Sandra Wolfe	10 yrs.	Director of Nursing
Thomas Young	10 yrs.	Maintenance
Marie Savage*	5 yrs.	Skilled Nursing LVN
Karen Sytsma*	5 yrs.	Dietary
Estrella Fuentes*	5 yrs.	Beauty Shop
Liz Castro*	5 yrs.	Skilled Nursing CNA
Nasrin Pirehzad*	5 yrs.	Skilled Nursing CNA
Bonnie Mulder*	5 yrs.	In-Home Care Manager
Amy Bunch	5 yrs.	Skilled Nursing CNA
Laurie Maynard*	5 yrs.	In-Home Caregiver

*pictured above

Celebrating 35 Years of Service



Marilynn Benedict has given 35+ years of service to the residents and staff of Bethany Home in a variety of positions over the years. She began as CNA in the Skilled Nursing facility and when Beth Haven was about to open began to work there.

Most recently Marilyn has served as the Administrator of our Assisted Living, Memory Care, Adult Day Services, and the Senior Meals programs; managing staff, facilities, and services for over 100 residents and community members.

Marilynn's joyful spirit and willingness to serve has blessed and sustained hundreds of persons during her long and faithful service. Imagine with me the number of meals she has shared, the changes in life style, health and mobility she has helped residents and staff work through, the names she has learned and the blessings she has shared.

This is a brief story that illustrates her care and willingness to go the extra mile for her residents. There were three sisters who shared their lives and relied a great deal on each other. One sister became ill and needed assisted living support. Marilynn met with them all and helped arrange transportation and housing as needed. When it came time for two of them to move into Beth Haven they made it clear that they wanted to have

rooms that were next door to each other. Marilynn had two rooms but they were far apart. However, when it came time for them to actually move in they discovered that they would be next door neighbors and were grateful for Marilynn's efforts to make it possible for them to continue to be close together.

We can multiply the story of these residents by hundreds and be confident of the positive impact that Marilynn's many years of service have given. It is a blessing to be able to share these words of our savior who said to the servant who had invested their talents well, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master!" (Matthew 25:23 ESV) ■



Laura Kahler was the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship from the Foundation to help in getting her RN degree. Laura has worked at Bethany Home for 9 years.

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