

Zarrow Pointe News & Views

October 2018

The Cracked Pot

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them."

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.



Faces That Inspire

Virginia Tony Flowers was born in Oklahoma City and raised just south of Ada, Oklahoma on a cattle ranch. She was very active playing basketball and began showing steers in third grade. Lee Flowers was born in Idabel, Oklahoma and his family moved to an oil camp in east Texas. They had a small farm with cows, chickens, and a garden. Working was just a part of life as Lee sold milk door to door. They were both raised with an emphasis on faith in a Methodist church.

Lee graduated from the University of Oklahoma with his bachelors in Petroleum Engineering. He then served two years in the Army. After the Army, he went back to OU to work on his masters, where he was offered a job working with Magnolia Petroleum Company. The company moved him to Louisiana where he was surrounded by huge mosquitos, snakes and alligators. After a short time, he was thrilled to relocate to Hobbs, New Mexico. After a few years of college at Oklahoma A&M Tony was offered a job at a bank in Hobbs, New Mexico. Tony and Lee met at a young adults group at the United Methodist Church in Hobbs. On their first date, Lee took Tony for a ride in his brand new, white Holiday Coupe. They dated for two years and married in Ada, Oklahoma. While living in New Mexico, Tony worked as a secretary and administrator for the Oil Conservation Commission Committee. Her upbringing on a cattle ranch came in handy, as she was able to relate and soothe the frustrated ranchers.

After their time in New Mexico, they moved to Littleton, Colorado. Lee was the Production Manager and engineer for three different oil companies starting at Consolidated Oil and Gas, Flying Diamond, and ending with Dekalb Oil Company. Lee and Tony decided to invest in cattle. Lee, not knowing much about purchasing cattle shocked everyone by purchasing an out of control cow at an auction, the cow had a bull calf at side. This was a lucrative investment and the calf became the 6th certified meat sire in the world. Lee and Tony had two beautiful children, a son named Corbin Lee and a daughter Virginia Marie. As a family they spent time skiing, participating in 4H, boys scouts, and volunteering at their church. While Corbin was attending Savannah College of Art and Design, he sadly passed away in a shocking car accident on his way home. In honor of her son, Tony spent many years as a college recruiter and then served on the board for the college their son Corbin attended.

After Lee and Tony retired they moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Their daughter Marie has blessed them with a grandson named Corbin Lee Cooper. He and his wife Jamie have grandchildren Carsten and Jentry Cooper. They feel blessed to have their daughter, grandson, and great-grandchildren living here in Tulsa. Tony and Lee have been married now fifty-nine years. They could not have made it without complete honesty and spending a lot of time together. Tony and Lee have enjoyed traveling all over the world and traveling with their friends the Davidsons and the Coveys. Over the years they have gathered an extensive collection of arrow heads which reminds them of all of the adventures they have had. Lee and Tony have now been residence of Zarrow Pointe for five years. We are so happy for them to be apart of our community. Congrats Tony and Lee Flowers.



Don't Miss This

Fall Festival TUE 3

Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behavior THUR 4

Dessert Night with Entertainment with Cherry & Jerry TUE 9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Sue H. 10/6
- Jim G. 10/7
- Lee R. 10/10
- Vicki H. 10/13
- Jack F. 10/14
- John S. 10/15
- Charles K. 10/18
- Faye R. 10/19
- Will S. 10/20
- Ed A. 10/22
- Peggy C. 10/23
- Aubra K. 10/23
- Jerry P. 10/26

OCTOBER 3RD

Located under tents in the Retirement Center parking lot.

4:00- Carnival Games and Activities

5:00- Bar-B-Q Dinner with Kosher Options

Free for Residents!

Family and Friends Invited—\$13 for guests

RSVP for guests by September 28th

(918)496-8333 EXT. 313

DINNER

GAMES

DRINKS



Recycling Program

Town Meeting

Monday 8th 10:30 AM

Burnstein Auditorium

Zarrow Pointe is launching a recycling program! Come hear guest speaker, Robert Pickens, Vice President for Tulsa Recycle and Transfer. Robert has been in the recycling industry for 27 years. The American Waste Control will discuss details for the new program for Zarrow Pointe.



Riddle Me This

First residents to tell Malyn Wiens the correct answer will win a free meal from the Nosh Café.

The more you take away from me, the bigger I shall get. What am I?

September Riddle Answer:

What ends everything always?

Answer: The letter "g"

If you would like to receive the newsletter through email, or provide submissions for future issues please email Malyn at msaunders@zarrowpointe.org, by visiting her at our Aquatic Center or she may be reached at 918-496-8333, extension 311.

Dining Experience

Many thanks! to all the residents who completed the Dining Experience Committee's August Survey. Your thoughtful responses, choices and suggestions were greatly appreciated. While you can expect to see many of the suggestions acted upon in upcoming weeks and months, below are a few changes that have already been made:

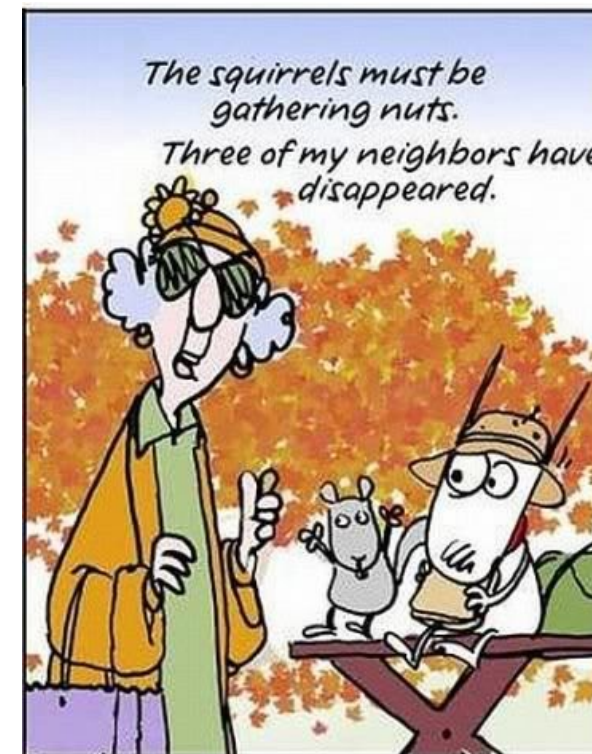
- Changed menu to give diners more options
- Introduced "open seating" once a week
- Now have "Family Style" Lunch on Sundays

Pleasing our residents is an ongoing process, so please let the committee know if you have further suggestions or commendations, or place your comments in the suggestion box located at the dining room entry.



-Paula Milsten, Chair Dining Experience Committee Zarrow Pointe

Never Stop Laughing



Our Mission

Provide vibrant and inclusive living, learning, and care throughout the progression of life.

Our Vision

To re-imagine senior living and instill passion in a life where dreams never retire.