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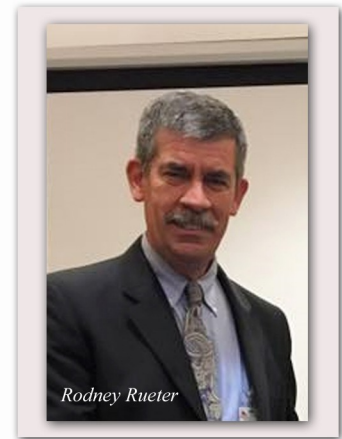
Ready for an Upgrade!

For the last 15 years, the Pot O' Gold (operated completely by volunteers) has raised thousands of dollars for Lutheran Sunset Ministries. These funds are used to purchase things to enhance the lives of Lutheran Sunset Ministries' residents and patients. Last year alone, the Pot O' Gold raised more than \$150,000. In May, a portion of those funds were used to upgrade all Sunset Home resident rooms to 42" televisions. The funds were also used to update the television signal to HD. Our volunteers continue to do amazing things for our ministry!



Sunset Home • College Hill Assisted Living • Rainbow Retirement Community
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Message from the President



Seldom do I get personal in these messages to you in the Sunset News, but I will take liberty to do that this time. I recently received the LeadingAge Texas Excellence in Leadership Award. It was unexpected since I had been nominated for the award last year by my team but did not receive the award. I was not expecting to be nominated again the very next year. I am humbled and honored to be recognized in this way. My remarks in accepting the award follow:

“Thank you. Only my team knows this, but I really feel like I won this last year. They nominated me for this same award then and the fact that they did made me a winner no matter if I actually won the award or not. I have that nomination certificate framed and hanging on the wall in my office. You see, when your team takes the time to nominate you, to tell the world about the work you have done, and believes in you, you have already won. And you have won when your Board of Directors goes out on a limb with you to partner with your local hospital to access additional funds through UPL, MPAP, and now QIPP. And you have already won when God smiles on you and your ministry and brings bright young millennials; yes millennial talent, to your organization who have a passion for seniors and who have a passion to do a great job! I thank them for making me look better than I am. I accept this award on their behalf and on the behalf of all our teammates and the Board of Directors at LSM and on behalf of my wife Melanie and my daughters Kayla and Alyssa who have stood beside me all this time. Thank you.”

I must remind you that we have a great, awesome, spectacular team in place here at LSM. That team includes our paid teammates who work their hearts out day after day. That team includes our unpaid teammates who volunteer their time and resources to benefit our ministry and its residents. No one person can take credit for all the good that is done in our ministry for there is much good done in many areas throughout LSM. It would be foolish for anyone to try to do that. But I will always represent LSM as a proud member of the LSM team!

Thank you for all your prayers and support for me personally as well as for our ministry as a whole! For we are all part of the LSM team!

Rodney Rueter, CEO/president



Lutheran Sunset Ministries CONGRATULATES our newest Certified Nurse Aide Trainees! (Back Row L to R) Stacey Derrickson, Hannah Boshell, Tina Oliver, Nurse Amanda Harborth (Instructor). (Front Row L to R) Diana Rodriguez, Hannah Roper, Andrea Jones and Taylor Brem.

LSM Resident Art Show



Lutheran Sunset Ministries hosted its third annual Resident Art Show in March 2018. Through a partnership with Bosque Arts Center (BAC), who provides art classes by instructor Karen Wise in the various LSM programs, the resident art was displayed for the public at the BAC. In addition, on that Saturday, an artist reception was held for families, friends, guests and interested parties. Juanita Sargent was awarded the Peoples' Choice Award.

Encouraging older adults to take up the arts and express themselves is a natural fit for Lutheran Sunset Ministries' focus on individual well-being. Studies show that seniors active in the arts report better health, have more positive attitudes and are more active. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!



Blankets of Love

Police Chief Trace Hendricks stopped by Rainbow Retirement Community in May to accept a donation of hand-tied throws from residents. With funds from a Thrivent Action Team, the residents were able to purchase materials and make these throws for police and fire personnel to give to those in need on their calls. The group made twenty quilts. (From left to right: Stella Nazimek, Ann Erickson, Ann Thomas, Martha Swenson, Alice Pederson, Police Chief Trace Hendricks)



Windmill Cafe

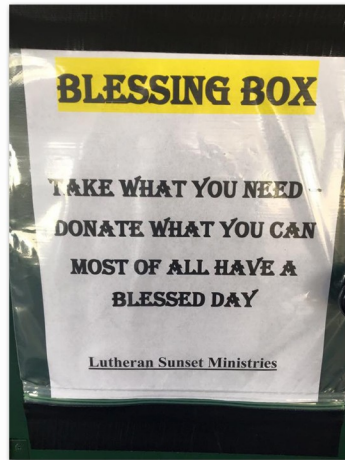


Windmill Café continues to be a popular lunch destination in Clifton. Open 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, the café serves a variety of sandwiches, salads, specialty fries and daily specials. What makes it more than a café? Windmill Café offers programming for those who are 55 or better. Programming includes exercise classes, lunch and learn speaker series, floral design classes, computer help and so much more. For a café menu and to stay up to date on programming, follow Windmill Café on Facebook or visit www.lutheransunset.org/windmill-cafe. The cafe is located at 1604 W. 9th St., Clifton.

Blessing Box

As a reminder, volunteers from the Pot O' Gold Thrift Store set up a *Blessing Box* for those in need throughout the community last year. The box is located outside the front door at the Pot O' Gold on South Ave Q in Clifton. It offers storage for items ranging from food and clothing to hygiene products.

"The Blessing Box is a grassroots, crowd-sourced solution to immediate and local need," said Ron Hubbard, LSM volunteer and Pot O' Gold Coordinator. "Whether a need for food or a need to give, the Blessing Box facilitates neighbors helping neighbors, building community. The less fortunate can come by the box at anytime to pick up goods that they may need. Those more fortunate are invited to donate." The goal is that people will walk away knowing that someone out there cares. We encourage other organizations in the community to follow our lead and help establish a network within Clifton and surrounding areas.



Around Campus



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The services provided by LSM are enhanced by the generous and appreciative memorials given. All memorials, whether directed or not, go to the care and services provided. The residents served going forward are blessed by your thoughtfulness. The following gifts were given between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2018.

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