



PALM VILLAGER

A PUBLICATION OF PALM VILLAGE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY • SPRING 2007

Happy 65th Birthday Palm Village!

On March 29th, over 300 folks celebrated the 65th birthday of Palm Village at a joyous party on the campus.

Guests were greeted in a white tent decorated in the evening's theme colors of red and white checks, and they enjoyed fresh lemonade poured directly from a garden spigot created just for this event. The h'ordeuves included miniature zwieback made by Barbara Friesen.

The styles of year's past were evident in the displays of memorabilia including nurse's uniforms and various other artifacts collected through the years as well as vintage cars.

Once all of the guests had arrived, everyone sang Happy Birthday as the three tier birthday cake was presented. Dinner of Tri-tip followed served at tables also decorated in the red and white theme with baskets of fruit, vases of fresh flowers and favors of homemade jelly at each place.

The program included a large screen presentation of the history of Palm Village depicted

through photographs of administrators, trustees, staff, and residents as well as the various stages of building additions from the very earliest years to current day.

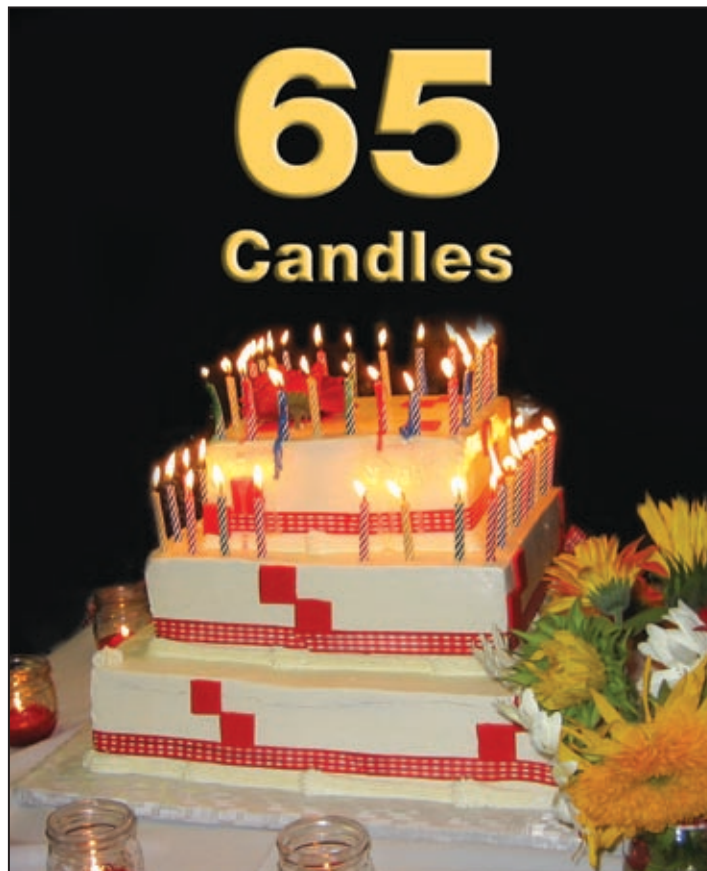
The singing groups Undivided Praise, Dinuba

MB mixed trio and resident Ruby Bowe entertained with song and then a brief oral presentation was made by senior staff. Residents, Neil and Francis Unruh stated, "David Reimer's overall perspective on Palm Village is excellent. We have never heard him put it so clearly."

As the evening ended with prayer, many lingered to chat with friends. Resident Egon Hofer was heard saying, "It was a good evening. It had life. You kept it moving. The singing was terrific and the spiritual tone was good. The Tri-tip was excellent. People really enjoyed themselves."

With the positive comments from all and the funds raised for

the Living Legacy Fund, the evening certainly has been deemed a success.



A birthday celebration: Residents and guests enjoyed the wonderful birthday cake at Palm Village's 65th anniversary party, and with its many candles lighting up the evening, the cake was the center of attention as everyone sang Happy Birthday!



The 'Sandwichers' are being served well by Palm Village

By Charles Buller, M. Div

Palm Village has recently hired Charles Buller, M. Div as Director of Planned Giving. Reverend Buller is responsible for developing the fund that will help Palm Village to sustain itself through an endowment fund of contributions from estates and wills.

When I opened my internet home page today my eyes were drawn immediately to the feature article on what is being referred to as the sandwich generation - "those caring for an aging parent with one or more children under the age of 18 still at home..."

Apparently, there are millions of Americans facing this challenge. I suspect that in the history of humanity this is not a new challenge. What is new is the degree to which people face this challenge without enjoying the timeless structure of large extended families to help shoulder the burden.

Possibly, the most significant social change that has led to the need for retirement communities such

as Palm Village is that many families are now "extended" across various counties, countries and even continents. When it is time to support an aging parent and growing children the siblings often no longer live within geographic proximity to share this burden.

I know personally that reality was one of the factors that caused my sister and I to be especially grateful for a ministry such as Palm Village as our parents aged. Jobs had taken us to disparate ends of this continent from our home in Reedley, California. The knowledge that Palm Village was a continuing care community that offered various levels of support depending on our parents changing circumstances was most attractive - even essential. Most people who drive past Palm Village don't realize that we are only one of three facilities in the Central Valley that provide this level of support when a person over the age of 60 signs a continuing care contract with us. For families who benefit from this support they become part of another type of "sandwich generation". This "sandwich" consists of three layers-independent living, assisted care, and skilled nursing.

And I will tell you from personal experience it becomes the most delectable "sandwich" ever consumed!

Memorial Contributors • November 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007

In Memory Of Anna H. Barkman

James and Joan Heinrichs

In Memory Of Beatrice Bird

Raymond Bird

James and Betty Flippen

Wanda Goossen

Thomas H. Haworth

Robert J. Huebert

Richard and Anne Novotny

Jessie Sorensen

In Memory Of Wayne Bonham

Alfred and Lydia Berg

James and Roberta Etheredge

Lorene A. Thiesen

In Memory Of Viola Buller

Chuck and Hughien Buller

Vernon and Frances Dick

Orville and Vera Fast

Harlan and Louise Friesen

J. H. and Ruth Friesen

Timothy and Sharon Friesen

Robert and Wilma Hagen

John and Josephine Hayward

Edward and Marilyn Janzen

Stanley and Ann Martens

United States Conference of

Mennonite Brethren Churches

MMA

Helen Pauls

David and Sandy Reimer

Tim and Donna Sullivan

Willie and Frances Thiessen

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wall

John and Elsie Wall

Gordon and Karen Wiebe

In Memory Of Loretta Croissant

Rod's Body and Paint

In Memory Of Caroline Ens

Alfreda Barton

Susanne Franz

Albert and Betty Hagopian

John and Josephine Hayward

Egon Hofer

Richard and Anne Novotny

James and Verna Penner

Hilda Richert

Les and Esther Riffel

John and Mary Lee Schlesselman

Verne and Darlene Siemens

Rod and Carol Stark

Lorene A. Thiesen

Frances Thiessen

Victor and Hilda Wiens

In Memory Of Elvina Ens

Bernice Boyd

In Memory Of Jonathan Frey

Marden and Lenore Barnes

Elizabeth Bernard

Courtney Davis

Larry Edwards

Donna Ethridge

Ethel Harder

Walter Hayhurst

Eleanor Inamine

Clyde and Laurena Johnson

Shiz Kunishige

Margie Leppke

John and Mary Mason

Ann Munn

Patricia Skaggs

Edward and Valerie Spongberg

In Memory Of Alfred Friesen

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Nikkel

Thomas and Carol Ray

Pauline Shartz

In Memory Of Bernice George

Stan Nikkel

Ellard and La Verne Youngberg

In Memory Of Roselyn K. Goertzen

Martha Brandt

Vernon and Frances Dick

Mary Entz

Herman W. Goertzen

David and Martha Jost

Ethel Klassen

Stanley and Ann Martens

Marilyn Nelson

Laura Nickel

Gus and Margret Penner

Clara Tesman

Willie and Frances Thiessen

In a and Irene Pauls

Willie and Frances Thiessen

In Memory Of Loraine Juracich

Sam and Marvis Bergen

Frank and Margaret Duerksen

Jennie Duerksen

Willie and Frances Thiessen

In Memory Of Selma Klippenstein

Virginia Just

In Memory Of Lillian Lamm

Robert and Ellen Graham

Egon Hofer

Lenora Kalender

Evelyn Nelson

Jessie Sorensen

Dennis Surabian

Frances Thiessen

Eva May Wade

In Memory Of Lula Letkeman

Peter Funk

Myrna Kliever

Memorial Contributors, from page 2

In Memory Of Latimer Neale

Ann Robertson

In Memory Of Anne F. Neufeld

Helen Adrian

Lovella Adrian

Norman and Myrtle Adrian

Alfred and Lydia Berg

Roger and Lawanda Franz

Ruth Friesen

Willie and Frances Thiessen

In Memory Of Arnold Nickel

Mrs. Gabriel Agao

Helen Berg

Jearn Janzen

Chet and Irene Pauls

Willie and Frances Thiessen

In Memory Of Angelin Peters

Elmer and Charlene Blom

Regina Hofer

Ferail and Margie Hubrig

In Memory Of Susan Peters

Virginia Just

Walter and Helen Krause

Roger and Nancy Kusch

Laura Nickel

Jeff and Laura Warkentin

In Memory Of Jake Reimer

John and Venona Buhler

Herman and Lulu Klassen

Laura Nickel

Frances Thiessen

In Memory Of Robert Shartz

Marian Ashby

Henry and Marjorie Guichard

John and Josephine Hayward

David and Martha Jost

Cornelia Neale

Lorene A. Thiessen

Frances Thiessen

James and Jeanne Wainscott

Anne Widaman

In Memory Of Anna Unruh

Hulda Unruh

In Memory Of Fred

& Margaret Wiest

Stan and Dixielee Sayles

Living Legacy Donor List • November 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Klassen & Associates | Elsie Flaming | Francis Janzen | Lawrence and Janet Powell |
| Gabriel Agao | Marvin Flaming | Robert and Jackie Johnson | Ronnie Ramirez |
| Robert and Geraldine Anderson | Vernon and Doris Flaming | Ms. Jorques and Ms. Perez | Albert and Dorothy Ratzlaff |
| Anonymous | Thomas and Janet Flanagan | David and Martha Jost | Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church |
| Gloria Ayala | Orville and Lois Fletcher | Donald and Waneta Jost | Irvin Regier |
| B 17 LP | Verna Ford | Elmer and Loree Jost | John and Frieda Regier |
| Leanna Balzer | Phil and Ruth Franz | Larry Jost | Les and Lovella Regier |
| Tiena Balzer | Mr. Alvin Friesen | Virginia Just | Marvin and Marciel Regier |
| Ken and Lucille Barnett | Barbara Friesen | John and Mary Kauffman | David and Sandy Reimer |
| Cornelius and Elizabeth Bartel | Elmer Friesen | Howard Kelly | Roland and Lois Reimer |
| Peter and Salome Bartel | Glen Friesen | El and Nancy Kessler | Ellie Ruppender |
| Dennis and Nancy Becker | Harlan and Louise Friesen | Kingsburg Mennonite Brethren Church | Bill and Darla Scharbach |
| Hugh and Ruth Bennett | J. H. and Ruth Friesen | Ethel Klassen | Helen Schmidt |
| Alfred and Lydia Berg | John and Harriet Friesen | Herman and Lulu Klassen | Vernon and Ruby Schmidt |
| Helen Berg | Lena Friesen | Kevin and Robin | Wesley and Jan Schmidt |
| John and Esther Berg | Marvin and Mary Ellen Friesen | Peter Klassen | Elmer and Jo Ann Schuil |
| David and Lydia Bergen | Lila Frueh | Harold Kleinsasser | Michael and Cindy Schuil |
| Sam and Marvis Bergen | Richard and Susan Frueh | Herald and Phyllis Kliewer | Pauline Shartz |
| Eleanor Boettcher | Jim and Mary Gaede | Paul and Rachel Kliewer | Verne and Darlene Siemens |
| Ralph and Roberta Bohannon | Angie Galvan | Hans and Barbara Koop | William and Helen Stewart |
| Charles and Jean Boldwyn | Clayton and Erna Garner | Maria Koop-Nikkel | Terry and Sue Story |
| Katherine Bonham | Bernice George | Lyndon and Naomi Krause | Richard and Jeane Stringer |
| Ruby Bowe | Ken and Geraldine Gerbrandt | Mr. Marvin Krause | Alvin and Shirley Suderman |
| William and Carolyn Bowe | Johnnie and Adena Goertzen | Walter and Helen Krause | Dan and Violet Suderman |
| Bernice Boyd | Ray and Pamela Goertzen | Aaron Kroeker | R.L. and Wilma Suderman |
| J. Wayne and Eleanor Brandt | Joel and Charlene Golbek | Ruth Kroeker | D. Leroy and Vivian Swiney |
| Jim and Robyn Brandt | James and Glinda Goodwin | Harriet Leonard | Rhonda Terry |
| Martha Brandt | Ray and Mary June Goossen | Kenneth and Janis Leppke | Elizabeth Thiessen |
| Stan and Carol Brandt | Virgil and Nancy Goossen | Margie Leppke | Lorene A. Thiessen |
| Joanne Brannan | Grauman Family Trust | Jeremy and Roberta Linscheid | Martha Thiessen |
| Patsy Brannan | Lynette Grauman | Julian and Theresa Lipschitz | Milton and Gloria Thiessen |
| Patty Brown | Bart and Susan Grunau | Eldon and JoAnn Loewen | L.G. and Grace Thiessen |
| Chuck and Hughien Buller | Allen and Anne Guenther | Wally and Esther Loewen | Sam and Sally Thiessen |
| Hazel Bungo | Mr. Ben Guenther | Randy and Lydia Long | Willie and Frances Thiessen |
| Frances Burkdoll | Henry and Marjorie Guichard | Donald and Mary MacNeill | Henry Thomas |
| Butler MB Church | Mae Gundlach | HMC Marketing | Irma Toews |
| Mr. Bill Cairns | Albert and Betty Hagopian | Stanley and Ann Martens | Libardo and Kathryn Torres |
| | George and Julia Hagopian | John and Luella Mc Combs | Maria Torres |
| Ron Cochran | Minnie Haley | Pauline Morrelli | Linda Trachman |
| Carl Dahl | Norm and Joan Hall | Alfred Munoz | Hulda Unruh |
| Mr. Kent Davis | Barbara Hampson | Mark and Susan Murphy | Luella Unruh |
| Mary Derksen | Glen and Helen Harvin | Thomas and Jacqueline Muzzy | Richard and Patricia Unruh |
| Henry and Erica Dick | John and Josephine Hayward | Cornelia Neale | Charles and Earlene Vogel |
| James and Florence Dick | Dwight and Carol Heier | Jake and Mary Neufeld | Jim and Aldene Vogt |
| Ms. Ruth Dick | Paul Heier | K.E. Neufeld | Robert and Gloria Vogt |
| Vernon and Frances Dick | James and Joan Heinrichs | Rudy G. Neufeld | John and Joyce Wall |
| Dinuba Mennonite Brethren Church | Johnny and Maxine Heinrichs | Victor and Martha Neufeld | John and Elsie Wall |
| Bernhard Doerksen | Robert and Lenora Heinrichs | Frieda Neufeld-Warkentin | Dennis and Elizabeth Warkentin |
| Dan and Wanda Doerksen | Wes and Ann Heinrichs | Dorothy Nickel | Ernest and Mildred Warkentin |
| Jennie Duerksen | Charles and Marilyn Hertzler | Laura Nickel | Ernest Warkentin |
| David and Donna Dyck | Olive Hiebert | Marvin and Dorothy Nickel | Leonard and Joyce Warkentin |
| Esther Ediger | Robert and Norma Jean Hiett | Raymond and Bonnie O'Neil | Marvin and Becky Warkentin |
| Charles and Mary Jane Edwards | Loyd and Frances Hildreth | Pacific District Conference of MB | Wes Pak Sales, Inc. |
| Calvin and Marjorie Elrich | Clarence and Evelyn Hodel | Churches | Anne Widaman |
| David and Janice Englebright | Egon Hofer | Helen Panttaja | A.A. Wiebe |
| Esther Englund | Regina Hofer | Donald and Ruth Pauls | Allen and Linda Wiebe |
| Ann Enns | Sylvia Hofer | Helen Pauls | Wayne and Sheila Wiebe |
| Mike and Teresa Enns | Kirk and Suzanne Hoffman | Henry and Adeline Pauls | Clifford and Laura Wiens |
| Enns Packing Company, Inc. | Stanley and Darlene Huebert | Melvin and Luella Pauls | Steve and Karleen Wiens |
| Sophie Enns | Henry Huizinga | Vernon and Bertha Pauls | Steve and Kathleen Wiest |
| Marlow and Rachel Ens | Pete and Erma Isaac | Abner and Olene Penner | Vi Willard |
| Mary Entz | Henry and Rosella Isaak | Cornelius and Margaret Penner | Harry and Elvina Willems |
| Charles and Sharon Ewert | Joel and Judith Isaak | Gus and Margaret Penner | Walt and Patricia Willems |
| Brad and Mary Fast | Steve and Elaine Isaak | Peter and Jean Penner | David and Betty Winniford |
| Dennis and Connie Fast | Wallace Isaak | A. Stanley and Martha Peters | George Yager |
| Howard Fast | Raymond Jadwin | Jonie and Sarah Peters | Sue Yager |
| Louise Fast | Irvin and Kathryn Jantzen | Neils and Mildred Piepgrass | George and Ada Yamamoto |
| Anna Flaming | Edward and Marilyn Janzen | Honey Politano | Ellard and La Verne Youngberg |



Something for everyone: Palm Village looked great for our 65th birthday celebration, with (clockwise) lemonade flowing from garden spigots, a large hospitality tent to welcome visitors, classic cars on display, and beautiful centerpieces on tables where guests dined on Tri-tip.



The Palm Villager is a publication of Palm Village Retirement Community, a mission agency sponsored by the Bethany and Butler Mennonite churches in Fresno and by the Mennonite Brethren churches of Dinuba, Kingsburg and Reedley. (559) 638-6933 • www.palmvillage.com



COA 170 Lic. #100404809 • Spring, 2007

President and CEO, David K Reimer • **Director of Development**, Jim Dueck
Director of Planned Giving, Charles Buller

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
P.O. Box 1028 • REEDLEY, CA 93654

PALM VILLAGER
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

