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## Soups and Pies Enjoyed by All at Soup Supper!

Business is mixed with pleasure at this popular annual event



### Great Food and Fellowship for all!

There was plenty of conversation and great food at this year's Soup Supper. One of the topics of conversation certainly had to be the homemade pies, baked by Palm Village Residents.

Once again the memories of those wonderful hot soups and scrumptious homemade pies enticed 600 guests to enjoy the annual Soup Supper on February 24th.

The kitchen staff at Palm Village knows the secret to keeping Southwestern Corn Chowder, Chicken Noodle, Russian Borscht, and Green Bean and Ham soups hot and even a guest inquiry didn't encourage them to reveal that well-guarded secret!

Instead, the soups are just ladled into the bowls and the warm greetings and smiles from the staff reflect the gratitude they feel for the donations received during the evening. The \$13,500 added to the Living Legacy fund will certainly have an impact for those who have outlived their means, especially in these times of depleted retirement funds.

Perhaps it was the variety of fruit and cream pies that were baked by the residents and staff that sweetened the intentions of the donors, as they enjoyed the friendship and conversation throughout the evening. **For all of this...we say thank you.**

The second part of the evening became the annual meeting of the corporation and with the quorum from the five sponsoring MB Churches present, the presentations from the staff began.

From financial reports, to marketing analysis

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to donor and planned giving presentations, it became evident why the organization of Palm Village currently enjoys some of the strongest financials it has witnessed in its 66-year history. The Board of Directors is grateful to a generous and committed constituency that helps make this possible.

The business of the evening was completed with the Board electing and affirming members to the current 12-member board. And it was announced that the search continues for persons to fill various roles of professional services and community participation.

As in the many previous years, Soup Supper was a reminder of how the caring involvement of residents, friends, staff and board members emphasizes the meaning of Village.

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*December 1, 2008 - February 28, 2009*

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We are starting a new series in our newsletter to introduce the personnel of Palm Village to you.

## Sisters-in-law *Devoted* to *Caring*

### **Residential Care Center - Linda Winter**

A Continuing Care Retirement Community is an accreditation from the state of California that Palm Village has earned. The state designation means that residents may move from one level of care to another without leaving the campus.

However, with the philosophies of sisters-in-law, Linda Winter and Norma Froese, the term continuing care has a deeper meaning as caring is an integral part of their daily devotion to the well-being of PVRC residents.

Linda became the Resident Health Coordinator for Residential Care at PVRC in 2005, after Norma encouraged her to come out of retirement and apply for the position.

Linda's summary of the past four years is, "What an awesome experience it has been. I can't think of a better place to be for such a time as this! Palm Village is a great place to work."

She came to PVRC after working as a Registered Nurse at other facilities for 35 years. Linda's daily tasks include assessing medical needs, communicating with resident's physicians and families and assisting with day-to-day medical wellness, safety, and social issues.



As she works alongside the Personal Caregiver Supervisor and the caregivers in Assisted Living, she coordinates the needs of the residents with the support staff throughout Palm Village. She feels that Palm Village has gathered some of the best of the best and as they work as a team, she believes the result is an extraordinary level of care, not found at other facilities.

*Linda Winter is the Resident Health Coordinator and says the last four years working at Palm Village has been an "awesome" experience.*

Often Linda encourages, prays and sometimes cries with the residents who each bring their own uniqueness to the village.

These same residents tell Linda that they wished they had moved to Palm Village sooner and that they hope that prospective residents know the importance of not waiting until there is a crisis situation to move to this new home.

And for Linda, the reward is “being of help to our residents, not just on my own, but to clearly see the Holy Spirit intercede and resolve that which I am un-

For **Norma Froese**, Palm Village’s Recreation Coordinator, a favorite part of her job is knowing the residents.



able to do. When the residents are blessed, they bless the socks off me.”

### **Residential Care Center - Norma Froese**

As Recreation Coordinator, Norma creates another part of the balanced life at the Village. She is responsible for developing and facilitating events and activities for the residents who may choose whether or not to participate.

The catalyst for the program is mutual caring and friendship. “When you add the bond that comes from truly caring about each other, each relationship has greater depth and satisfaction, that spills over into the time we spend together doing activities.

Norma is grateful for the flexible family life her husband and three children support. With a recreation program that includes day trips,

concerts, plays, arranging on campus special interest groups and the exercise program in the Village’s fitness center, it would be less likely for Norma to be present and energetic not only during the week, but during the evenings and weekends, without the family support.

The residents are encouraged to participate in the variety of activities that build their physical, intellectual, spiritual and social well-being. And with this encouragement, the residents respond with statements of how much they love living at Palm Village, enjoying the many wonderful friends and neighbors. “They feel secure and know that they will be taken care of in the future, no matter what,” they tell Norma.

Norma repeats Linda’s sentiment that the staff works as a dedicated team, with each person developing respect for the care they give to the residents.

For Norma, the favorite part of her job is the residents as she states, “I love getting to know each one, learning their stories, hearing about their families, and having the opportunity to share in their lives on a deeper level. They bring so much joy to my life!”

And Palm Village is grateful to Linda and Norma because yes, they do truly provide Continuing Care.

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# What's New at Palm Village



**The new and improved Palm Village:**  
Residents have seen plenty of work going on in our Village. A kitchenette with in-room laundry has been added to one of our Assisted Living Suites, and the lobby has also been renovated with new carpet and furnishings. The removal of the large bookcase along one wall of the lobby opens up the room and adds another comfortable sitting area.

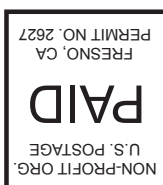


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