



PALM VILLAGER

A PUBLICATION OF PALM VILLAGE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY • SPRING 2009

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

See 'Soup Supper' on page 2

'Soup Supper', from page 1



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.

Memorial Contributors

December 1, 2008 - February 28, 2009

GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

RUBY BOWE

Joanne Brannan
Ann Enns
Pauline Shartz
Willie Thiessen
Anne Widaman
Hilda Wiebe

SAM BULLER

Reinhold Buller
Marlow and Rachel Ens
John and Harriet Friesen
Roger and Norma Warkentin

CLARA ENNS

Ken and Carol Reimer

MONTE FAST

Dennis and Connie Fast
Brian and Lois Vogen

HARLAN FRIESEN

Starling Buller
Vernon and Doris Buller
Mary Derksen
Vernon and Frances Dick
Dan and Wanda Doerksen
Ann Enns
Vera Fast
Rozella Friesen
Marlowe and Lila Frueh
Henry and Marjorie Guichard
Egon Hofer
Herman and Lulu Klassen

Harold Kleinsasser
Ray and Lisa Klierer
Roger and Nancy Kusch
Terry and JoAnn Lane
Victor and Martha Neufeld
Margret Penner
John and Erna Regier
Anne Rempel
R.L. and Wilma Suderman
Mary and Janet Thiesen
Willie Thiessen
Irma Toews
Jean Wall
Anne Widaman
Allen and Linda Wiebe
Bob and Lucille Willems
Harry and Elvina Willems
Lee and Lily Willems

LENA FRIESEN

Willie Thiessen

LOLA HOWARD

Cecil and Alice Bacon
Christine Bentley
Dale Kingen
Glenn and Susan Ogawa
Barbara Schuler-Martin
Wayne Snell
Wanda Thompson
Leonard and Joyce Warkentin

RACHEL KLIEWER

Ken and Lucille Barnett

Barbara Friesen
Egon Hofer
Victor and Martha Neufeld
Hope Nisly
Gerhard and Annie Sawatsky
L.G. and Grace Thiessen
Willie Thiessen
Anne Widaman
Victor Wiens

IRENE LIDFORS

Terry and Lorraine Anderson

ROY MOORE

Marvin Fillmore

ELVINA REGIER ENS

Bernice Boyd

PAULA SIMMONS

Signal Communications
Systems
Willie Thiessen
Cheri Witter

EVA THIESEN

Frances Burkdoll

RONALD WALL

Mike and Rosemary Manahan

WILMA WALL

Ken and Lucille Barnett
Central California Mennonite
Service Center, Inc.

Marlow and Rachel Ens
Barbara Friesen
J. H. and Ruth Friesen
Henry and Marjorie Guichard
Egon Hofer
Floyd and Mary Hogue
Robert and Jackie Johnson
Herbert and Marcella Jones
Harold Kleinsasser
Clara Klierer
Harriet Leonard
Victor and Martha Neufeld
Dorothy Nickel
Margaret Penner
Bill and Carol Peters
Esther Rogalsky
R.L. and Wilma Suderman
Elizabeth Thiesen
L.G. and Grace Thiessen
Willie Thiessen
Donovan and Carol Wall
Margaret Wall
Leonard and Joyce Warkentin
Anne Widaman
Hilda Wiebe
Anna Wiens
Victor Wiens
Bob and Lucille Willems
Harry and Elvina Willems

EVANGELINE ZWIEGLE

Herb and Laverne Richert
Willie Thiessen

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-

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

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.

Living Legacy Donors

December 1, 2008 - February 28, 2009

Ron Adams
 Katherine Archinal
 Leo and Rosalie Balakian
 Leanna Balzar
 Tiena Balzer
 Ken and Lucille Barnett
 Reynold Barsoom
 Bette Bartel
 Peter and Salome Bartel
 Dennis and Nancy Becker
 Glendon and Debbie Becker
 John and Esther Berg
 David and Lydia Bergen
 Sam and Marvis Bergen
 Ralph and Roberta Bohannon
 Viola G. Boldt-Buller
 Charles and Jean Boldwyn
 Ruby Bowe
 Charles and JoAnn Brandt
 J. Wayne and Eleanor Brandt
 Jim and Robyn Brandt
 Tom and Nanci Brandt
 Joanne Brannan
 Harry Brown
 Mikael and Denise Brown
 Chuck Buller
 Harley Buller
 Loren and Barbra Buller
 Vernon and Doris Buller
 Frances Burkdoll
 Daniel and Beverly Butler
 Chapel Fund
 Robert Chavez
 Larry Christman
 Yolanda Cuadros
 Kent Davis
 Larry and Charlotte Davis
 Donald and Frances DeBaets
 Jean Debuskey
 Henry and Erica Dick
 Vernon and Frances Dick
 Dinuba Mennonite
 Brethren Church
 John and Lois Divelbiss
 Bernhard Doerksen
 Jennie Duerksen
 David and Donna Dyck
 Esther Ediger
 Thomas and Catherine Edwards
 T.R. and M.G. Elliott
 Calvin and Marjorie Elrich
 Kenneth and Pricilla Elrich
 Ann Enns
 Greg and Debbie Enns
 Leroy and Agatha Enns
 Mike and Teresa Enns
 Victor and Katherine Enns
 Marlow and Rachel Ens
 Douglas and Jill Ensz
 Mary Entz
 Dennis and Connie Fast
 Howard Fast
 Louise Fast
 Donald and Marie Faul
 Anna Flaming

Marvin and Meredith Flaming
 Vernon and Doris Flaming
 Orville and Lois Fletcher
 Roger and Lawanda Franz
 Alvin Friesen
 J. H. and Ruth Friesen
 John and Harriet Friesen
 Laurel Friesen
 Leroy Friesen
 Louise and Harlan Friesen
 Marvin and Mary Ellen Friesen
 Nick Friesen
 Paul and Freda Friesen
 Ron and Norma Froese
 Richard and Susan Frueh
 Jim and Mary Gaede
 Clayton and Erna Garner
 John and Lori George
 Geraldine Gerbrandt
 Gordon and Karen Gerbrandt
 Richard and Erma Gerbrandt
 Jacqueline Giddens
 Johnnie and Adena Goertzen
 Ray and Pamela Goertzen
 Darrell and Lila Golbek
 Joel and Charlene Golbek
 Lorelei Goodman
 Ray and Mary June Goossen
 Nadine Gretsch
 Graydon and Barbara Griffiths
 Allen and Anne Guenther
 Henry and Marjorie Guichard
 Robert and Wilma Hagen
 Don Harms
 Glen and Helen Harvin
 John and Josephine Hayward
 Paul Heier
 Daniel and Lois Heinrichs
 James and Joan Heinrichs
 L. R Heinrichs
 Lyndon and Patti Heinrichs
 Robert Heinrichs
 Wes and Ann Heinrichs
 Jed and Deborah Hendrickson
 Robert and Norma Jean Hielt
 Daryl and Frances Hildreth
 Carole Hirakawa
 Brian and Kathy Hixson
 Evelyn Hodel
 Egon Hofer
 Sylvia Hofer
 Stanley and Darlene Huebert
 Pete and Erma Isaac
 Steve and Elaine Isaac
 Irvin and Kathryn Jantzen
 Edward and Marilyn Janzen
 Robert and Jackie Johnson
 Herbert and Marcella Jones
 Donald and Waneta Jost
 Elmer and Loree Jost
 James and Susan Jost
 Martha Jost
 Steve and Tomoko Jost
 Ben and Agnes Kamada
 Dallas and Betty Kelley

Howard Kelly
 Jerry and Jackie Kelly
 Donald and Mary Ann Klassen
 Ethel Klassen
 Herman and Lulu Klassen
 Peter Klassen
 Harold Kleinsasser
 Herald and Phyllis Kliever
 Pete and Dora Mae Kliever
 Malinda Koop
 Peter and Tina Krahn
 Walter and Helen Krause
 Leona Kroeker
 Robert and Wanda Kroeker
 Ruth Kroeker
 Vula Kroeker
 Dennis and Julia Langhofer
 Mary Leal
 Harriet Leonard
 Kenneth and Janis Leppke
 Wally and Esther Loewen
 John and Glenna Lundberg
 Donald and Mary MacNeill
 Stanley and Ann Martens
 Peggy McAlister Davis
 John and Luella Mc Combs
 Duane and Gayle McCutchan
 Robert and Bernice McGuire
 United States Conference of
 Mennonite Brethren Churches
 Ross and Claudia Merritt
 James Mouradick
 Cornelia Neale
 Darlene Neufeld
 Ed Neufeld
 Janet Neufeld
 K.E Neufeld
 Richard and Darlene Neufeld
 Verona Neufeld
 Victor and Martha Neufeld
 Dorothy Nickel
 Laura Nickel
 Helen Panttaja
 Bradley and Charis Pauls
 Chet and Irene Pauls
 Donald and Ruth Pauls
 Dustin and Laura Pauls
 Jacob Pauls
 Melvin and Luella Pauls
 Vernon and Bertha Pauls
 Abner and Olene Penner
 Margaret Penner
 Peter and Jean Penner
 Alvin Peters
 Gerry and Kim Peters
 Jonie and Sarah Peters
 Raymond and Grace Peters
 Kevin and Lori Pope
 Quiring Properties Inc.
 Ronnie Ramirez
 Albert and Dorothy Ratzlaff
 Reedley Mennonite
 Brethren Church
 John and Frieda Regier
 Les and Lovella Regier

Marvin and Marciel Regier
 Dalton Reimer
 Roland and Lois Reimer
 Anne Rempel
 Les and Esther Riffel
 George and Marcia Sawatzky
 Stan and Dixielee Sayles
 Bill and Darla Scharbach
 Elmer and Jo Ann Schuil
 Michael and Cindy Schuil
 Pauline Shartz
 Alfred and Grace Shoebridge
 Ruby Spicer
 William and Helen Stewart
 Terry and Sue Story
 Alvin and Shirley Suderman
 Dan and Violet Suderman
 R.L. and Wilma Suderman
 Robert and Alice Suderman
 Leroy and Vivian Swiney
 Clara Tesman
 Elizabeth Thiesen
 Jeff Thiesen
 Mary and Janet Thiesen
 L.G. and Grace Thiessen
 Henry Thomas
 Doug Toews
 Irma Toews
 Maria Torres
 Cornelius and Frances Unruh
 Hulda Unruh
 Richard and Patricia Unruh
 Mark and Cathey Vetter
 Charles and Earlene Vogel
 Jim and Aldene Vogt
 Robert and Gloria Vogt
 John and Joyce Wall
 Tillie Wall
 Dennis and Elizabeth Warkentin
 Ernest Warkentin
 Larry and Paula Warkentin
 Leo and Ruby Warkentin
 Leonard and Joyce Warkentin
 Marvin and Becky Warkentin
 Mildred Warkentin
 Walter Warkentin
 Anne Widaman
 Allen and Linda Wiebe
 Arthur Wiebe
 Gordon and Karen Wiebe
 Wayne and Sheila Wiebe
 Bob and Lucille Willems
 Edwin and Velora Willems
 Harry and Elvina Willems
 Walt and Patricia Willems
 Jim and Linda Winter
 Lillian Witzel
 George and Ada Yamamoto
 Ann Yokota and Georgia Sano
 Kenneth and Arline Yokota

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.



COA 170 Lic. #100404809 • Spring, 2009



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

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



P.O. Box 1028
Reedley, CA 93654

