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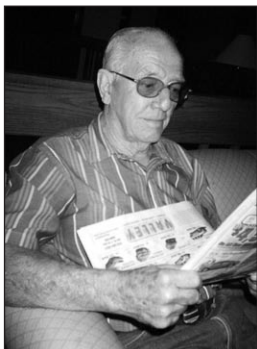
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## PVRC Residents' Philosophical Musings

Someone started the day all right  
Was it you **Willie Thiessen**?  
Was it you **Kate Stotts**?

Someone made it happy and bright  
Was it you **Mary Kauffman**?  
Was it you **Helen Schmidt**?

Someone smiled and all through the day  
this smile encouraged young and old.  
Was it you **Harold Kleinsasser**?  
Was it you **David Reimer**?



**Willie Thiessen**,  
*Patio Home Resident*  
"God in my life caused me to be influenced and instrumental in helping others. I like to be happy and get enjoyment out of others being happy and satisfied. Sure, I could play dominos in the game room with the men for a few minutes, but not all afternoon.

You see, there might be something I could do for someone instead."



**Mary Kauffman**,  
*Patio Home Resident*  
"My Dad used to quote the Bible and tell me 'let your conversation be aye aye and nay nay'. In other words, be polite and listen. I think a good philosophy is what we do for others. Like getting along, liking and loving people. By the way, you know, at

Wednesday Chapel Service at Palm Village, I am filled with love for the people."

**Kate Stotts**,  
*Residential Care Resident*

"Let me cogitate a minute. Well, it is quite an accomplishment to still have my brains at 95 years! I learned to pray when I was a little kid,

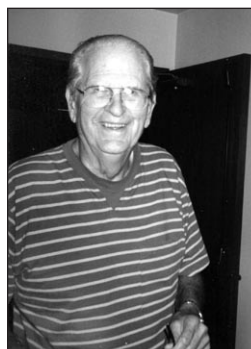


(L to R) Helen Schmidt and Kate Stotts

and I have done pretty well to make people and my kids happy. I have always been happy myself and outgoing most of the time."

**Helen Schmidt**,  
*Residential Care Resident, 99 years young!*

"My saving grace must be my sense of humor. In retrospect, I didn't even realize I had wit. It just came out, even now! I became born again when I was 15 years old. It has been pure grace to impact my faith to others."



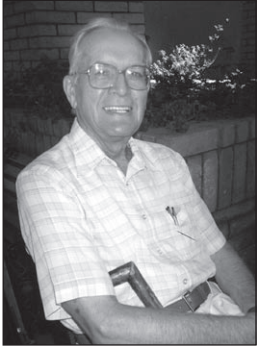
**Dale Douglass**,  
*Patio Home Resident*

"My mother was a Christian and was Christ centered. She gave me the will to live life as full as possible. There are always important things in life to do."

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## Philosophical Musings,

continued from page 1



**Bill Beldyk,**  
*Patio Home Resident*

“When I was 15, I became a devoted Christian. My philosophy centers on Christianity. Perhaps this poem describes it.”

**Not for one single day  
Can I discern my way**

**But this I surely know:  
Who gives the day**

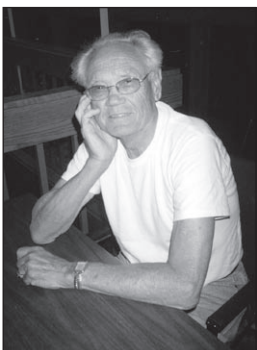
**Will show the way  
So I securely go.**



**Sarah Eitzen,**  
*Health Care Center Resident*

“I don’t feel 97 years old. The whole basis of my life’s work and my late husband’s Jacob’s life’s work, was doing the Lords work. I felt good doing what I felt compelled to do. Like our 30 years in Africa,

going hut to hut, covering the town with our message. We loved the people and they loved us. It is a joy to be busy everyday. For years I have written Congress members and I still do that today and it is reciprocal. I keep busy everyday here at the Health Care Center.”

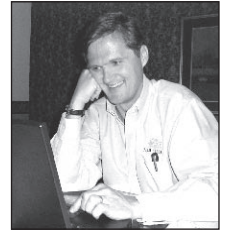


**Harold Kleinsasser,**  
*Patio Home Resident*

“I was privileged to have parents who believed in Christian teachings and values. Growing up with eleven siblings, I was shown it takes hard work, cooperation and consideration of others to live a balanced life. Serving the Church and Community has been a blessing.”

**“TO HAVE FRIENDS,  
I STRIVE TO BE A FRIEND.”**

## Past Present and Future



*David Reimer - President  
and CEO, Palm Village*

“I often think about people in my past: my family, my ancestors, my church. What did they do? What did they value?

Where am I affirming their values by what I say and do? And how will people, years from now, see my generation?

When I think about Palm Village, I think about our founders. What did they value? How are we continuing to live what our founders envisioned? Years from now, how will people view Palm Village in the year 2004?

I hope that people will see Palm Village in 2004 just as it sees Palm Village back in 1942 or in the future.....2050.

I pray people will see Palm Village as a place created for today and tomorrow’s seniors, a place where seniors can live in comfort and security, and a place valued by today and tomorrow’s residents, by resident’s families and by people of the Central Valley.”



**Theresa Garispe, Palm Village Beauty Shop Manager** puts the finishing touches on RCC Resident Rose Krauses’ hair. Theresa would like to remind people if they don’t know what to buy for that special resident or friend at PVRC, Theresa suggests a gift certificate from the beauty shop. Everyone loves a new hair-do or fresh manicure. Contact the office at 638-6933 for details.



**Life Philosophy**

By Jim Dueck  
Development Director

Is it ever too early or too late to start doing something for someone else? Thousands of people have given their time, talent and financial resources to Palm Village during the past 62 years and in the process have done much for others. One of the reasons there are Patio Homes, Residential Care Units and Health Care Center Rooms available for our current residents is because of the many who have given in the past. Those who give today will be doing something for our current residents and future residents and in the process will be extending grace and mercy which is given from God.

The happiest people I know at Palm Village and elsewhere are those who make helping others a priority. I believe the cause and cure for unhappiness is one in the same: doing something for someone else.

Psalm 84:11 "For the Lord God is our light and protector. He gives us grace and glory. No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who do what is right." Grace is a gift from God that is freely given and cannot be earned. His graciousness to us is our example for extending grace and mercy to others.

If you are feeling sad, defeated, discouraged or depressed, try doing something for someone else and see how it can bring joy into your life.

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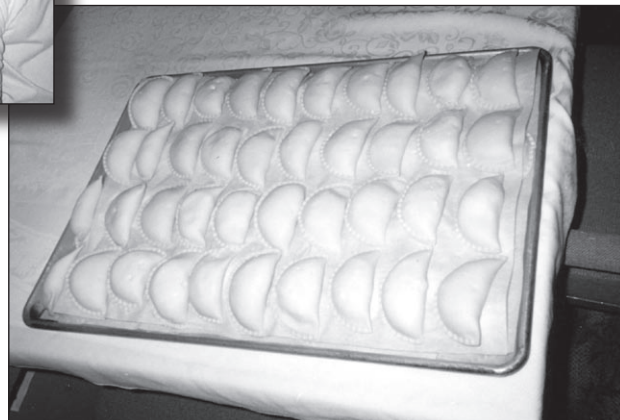
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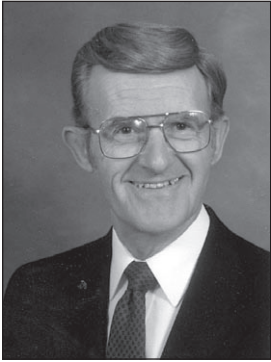
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## Chaplain Al Kroeker 1921-2004



The following is an original eulogy written, and read by Patio Home Resident, Ruth Kliewer at the Celebration of the Life and Ministry of Al Kroeker.

There are so many things that could be said about our Chaplain, Al Kroeker. Here are just a few impressions that come to mind as I reflect on various contacts I have had with him.

It was my privilege to be on a Chapel support committee along with eight or nine others. Something that Chaplain Al mentioned frequently was that we want an aura of Godliness at Palm Village. That was his goal and he stimulated our thinking as to how best to accomplish it.

When some of us thought things were going great, he was always trying to find ways to improve and do better. Chaplain Al was not satisfied with status quo as far as his work was concerned. He was also a visionary. He looked ahead at the generation that would follow us and what their needs might be at Palm Village.

Even though he was only a part time employee, nothing was ever too much for him to do. He visited and I believe he knew every resident in

the Health Care Center. He also visited residents in Assisted Living and Patio Homes. He and Vi had a Wednesday morning devotional time for those who were able to attend. He also wrote short Bible studies for the Activity people to do with a small group. Wednesday evening, he was in charge of and frequently gave the message for a good service, attended not only by Palm Village residents, but by many others in the community who also felt the need of a spiritual uplift. Chaplain Al's wife Vi exercised her gifts and talents in music; they were a wonderful team.

Sunday morning services in the Health Care Center dining room were very important to him. Even though others participated, he was always prepared and sometimes filled in with a great service for the 80 to 100 people that attend the service.

The lives of those of us who worked with him were enriched. Chaplain Al is greatly missed by all of us at Palm Village, but we do not begrudge him the privilege of being with the Lord Jesus whom he loved so much.

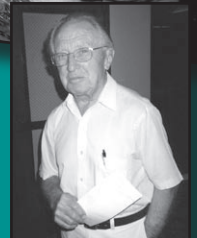
### ◀ An Apple a Day.....

Rusty Thiesen has had two apple trees planted in pots outside her patio home kitchen door for many years. Ever faithful, they have produced every year.



### Mmmmm.....good tomatoes ▲

Alvera Rempel (center) shares tomatoes with fellow RCC residents Maria Koop (left), and Marelle Nagle (right). Alvera bought some tomato plants this spring. Who was going to plant them? Patio Home Resident Vernon Dick, of course! He and Alvera care for the tomatoes in the garden on the east side of Palm Village.



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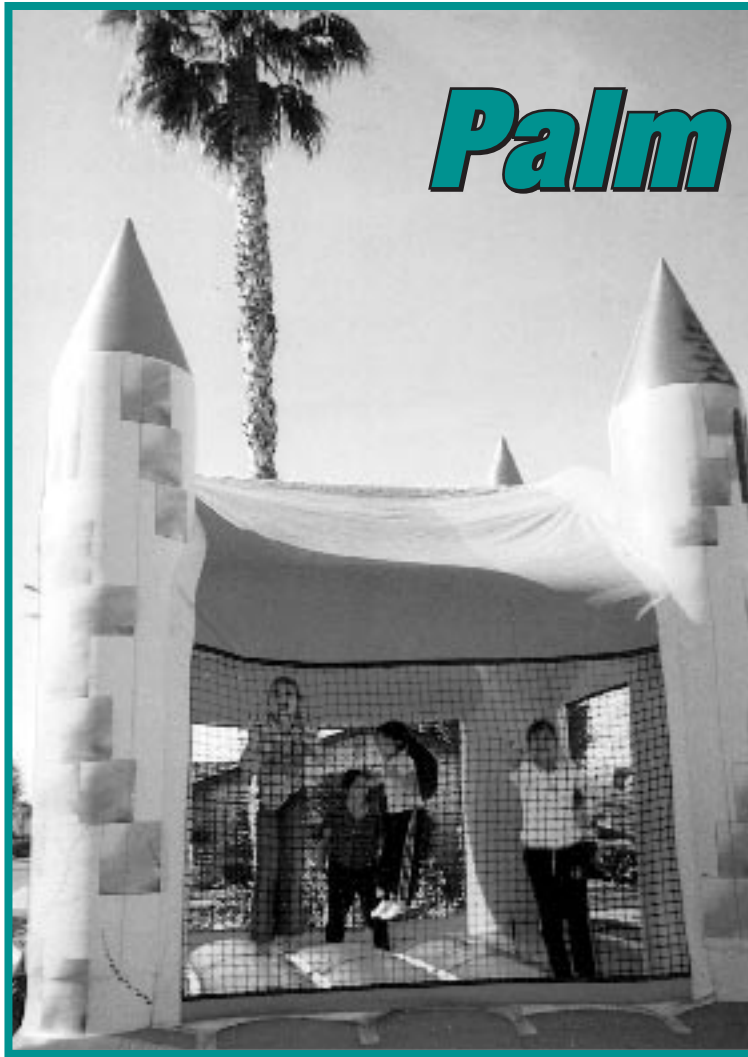
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