



The Village Newsletter March 2010

From Tim's Desk:

Well, I tried to avoid it, but I've been stricken with a fever...Olympic Fever. I have to admit, I am enjoying the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C. My wife, my two sons and I have been watching the coverage every night since the Games began, and we intend to continue right through until the closing ceremonies. I suppose the attraction for me is seeing the best athletes in the world compete against one another. There is something about recognizing the best that inspires me.

That is a good part of why I enjoy coming to work every day as well. I have the joy of watching our staff perform like Olympic Champions on a daily basis. Enriching the lives of seniors is a part of Christian Living Communities' Mission Statement that is lived out each day on The Johnson Center Campus as our staff serves our Residents like the most inspired athletes.

I am grateful for each and every person who comes to work every day with the desire to enrich the lives of our Residents. It is their committed service that makes CLC such a great organization. And like every Olympian, our staff members strive to win a Gold Medal. In the case of our staff, the Gold Medal is the smile we see on the face of a resident who receives the care each staff member offers. Those are Olympic moments, and they are realized countless times throughout the day.

To our Residents and their Family Members, thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve and to strive for excellence. Our staff members take such delight in giving their best, and I am proud to

acknowledge the efforts of these Champions who make Christian Living Communities a great home.

Blessings to you all,

Tim Rogers
Executive Director

New Residents & Employees

Welcome to new residents at The Village: Connie Petterson and Joan Pischke.

The new resident photos are on display in the Lobby.

Welcome to the new employees at The Village: Aurora Baeza, who has joined the housekeeping staff and to Margaret Taylor, who has joined the nursing staff.

Resident Meetings

Assisted Resident Meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd at 11:15 a.m. in the Lobby.

Independent Resident Meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby. Deputy Brian McKnight, from the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department, is this month's guest speaker. After his presentation, he will entertain questions and answers.

Joe's Place

Joe's Place will be open on Saturday, March 6th from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Come see the new items and enjoy a cup of coffee.

On March 21st, Brunch Sunday, Joe's Place will be open from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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Resident Service Office

Low Vision Group will meet on March 8th at 10:45 a.m. in the Library.

Health Talk will meet on March 22nd in the Fitness Center at 10:45 a.m.

Life Enrichment

Planned shopping trips are: Wal-Mart, Dollar Store, Walgreens, Sunflower and Target.

Field Trips include: Scenic Ride, House of Commons Tea Room, Lunch at the Fire Station, "Guys and Dolls" Play, Lunch at Olive Garden, Movie outing, Wine & Appetizers Party at the Zander's Home.

We will be visiting The Johnson Center on Thursday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. We will make a special Easter gift in craft class to bring to our friends. Be sure to sign up at the Concierge Desk. Don't miss this wonderful time of friendship!

When using the fitness center equipment, please remember to wear your pendant. This is for your safety. If you have not received training on the fitness equipment, please contact a member of the Life Enrichment team to schedule an appointment.

New Program

The Life Enrichment Department is pleased to announce that we are starting The Village Book Club. Every month a book will be selected by the Book Club to read.

In March we will read "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. The Life Enrichment Department has multiple copies of large print and two books on tapes. Please stop by the Life Enrichment Department to check out your copy.

Eloise Hammond will lead our monthly book discussion. Eloise also volunteers at the Koelbel Library.

Our first book discussion will be on Thursday, March 18th at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. Please join us!

Evening Assistance

If you need to contact a CNA/nurse in the evening, please call the Concierge Desk at 303-741-5555

Dining Services

March 4th -Cooking Demonstration -DR

March 8th -Birthday Dinner

March 17th -St Patrick's Day Special Noon Meal

March 21st -Sunday Brunch

Sign up at the Concierge Desk.

Transportation

Transportation appointments can be made by contacting Gary Stuart at 720-974-2905 or stopping by his office on the second floor. Please schedule your appointments in advance.

For EMERGENCIES, please press your pendant.

Guest Services at The Village

The Village staff would like to remind you that a convenient guest room is available for family members to reserve for \$75 per night, double occupancy and includes breakfast. Please contact Teresa Bame, Concierge, at 303-741-5555 to make reservations.

Resident Families

If you interested in the monthly happenings at The Village go to the CLC webpage: www.ChristianLivingCommunities.org. Click on Communities, and then click on The Village. All the monthly activities and newsletters are listed for your review.

Comcast Cable System Conversion:

Comcast Cable is going to be upgrading their system in this area of town over the next several months. You may receive notification that a new digital receiver will be required as part of this upgrade. We will keep you posted as this project unfolds with Comcast.

US Census Surveys will be delivered early

March. Please contact the LE Dept if you need assistance with filling out your census form.

Infinity Rehab

The Village and Infinity Rehab want you to know of an important resource available to residents who are eligible for outpatient services under Medicare Part B. If you are having difficulties in the areas of mobility, daily activities, or with your memory and

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keeping organized, Physical, Occupational and Speech therapy might be able to help. We have a group of knowledgeable and caring therapists who would be happy to meet with you informally about your concerns, and help determine if you would benefit from some therapy. When therapy is recommended and you, the resident, are agreeable to treatment, we can work with your physician to clarify orders under which we can provide this valuable service to you. Our team is: Bree, Shannon, Suzanne, Gayle, Kate & Greg. Please feel free to stop us anytime and ask questions about therapy. You may also call our office, located in The Johnson Center, at 720-974-3548.

Volunteer Corner

The Johnson Center Campus Volunteer In-Services

The Johnson Center Campus is pleased to present two training sessions by Mines & Associates on Communication Skills in the Workplace slated for March 25 from 2:30-3:30 at The Johnson Center. This in-service training is offered to staff members and all volunteers as every person makes an important and significant contribution to this community.

Savvy Seconds

In acknowledgement of Christian Living Communities' commitment to responsible stewardship to our residents, the Volunteer Advisory Committees of The Johnson Center Campus and Holly Creek have collaborated to organize this ongoing benefit for our residents.

Savvy Seconds is a fundraising thrift store which has very little operating costs and capitalizes upon the inherent resources present within our communities. Revenues generated will be reinvested directly enhancing the lives of our residents. The first sale will be Friday, March 12th. The furniture sale will be in the garage of The Village from 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Resident and resident family member donations will be accepted on a continuing basis and stored in allocated on-site space at The Village and Holly Creek. The Village is accepting donations of furniture while Holly Creek is accepting home décor accessories. Once enough items have accumulated announcements for sales will be publicized. The Volunteer Advisory Committees

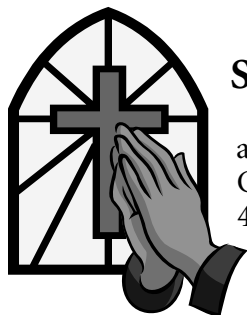
will continue to oversee the development of this fundraising enterprise.

Nutritional Services

Hello! My name is Liz McIntosh, and I am the Registered Dietitian at Clermont Park. I would like to introduce a new service that will be available to you beginning March 2010. Currently, I am holding group nutrition presentations once a month at each of our CLC communities. Beginning in March, I would like to expand on this program and offer individual nutrition consultations.

The group and individual nutrition education will run every other month. March will be individual consultations. April will be a group presentation, and May will be individual consultations. It will continue this way throughout the year.

To sign up for the individual nutrition consultations, please see your Concierge. Each consultation will last 15 minutes. Please provide your name, room number and the topic you would like to discuss. Topics may include any nutritional questions or concerns you may have. Remember to sign up quickly as spots may fill up. Don't forget to look at your calendar for future presentation topics as your questions may be addressed. You can also sign up early for the next month's nutrition consultations. I am excited to become more acquainted with each of you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 720.974.3727.



Spiritual Service

All residents are encouraged to attend any or all events.... Catholic Mass will be held on March 4th, Thursday at 10:45 a.m. in the Community Room.

Men's Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome.

**Sunday Morning Worship Services 10:30 a.m.
Community Room**

March 7th – Chaplain Mike Van Eps

March 14th - Chaplain Wanji Mukunga

March 21st – Chaplain Kathy Bird DeYoung

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The Scandal of Grace Text: Philippians 3:4-14
(Communion)

March 28th - Chaplain Jim Kok

Wednesday Afternoon Chapel

3:30 p.m. Community Room

March 3rd - Hymn Sing Lead by Harold Westing
Jo Prichard accompanying on the
piano

March 10th - As a Mother Hen Text: Luke 13:31-35

March 17th - Have I Got a Deal for YOU! Text:

Isaiah 55:1-9

March 24th - Worshipping Jesus Text: John 12:1-8

March 31st - Wisdom from a Donkey? Text:

Zechariah 9:9 and Matthew 21:1-11

Bible Study

Mondays 9:30 a.m. Third Floor Alcove

We are currently studying the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament. We are learning how ancient wisdom is relevant to our lives in today's world.

News and Faith - Meets in the Library at 10:30 a.m.

This is a discussion of current events from a faith perspective.

Wed. March 3rd

Idaho Missionaries Held
on Child-Napping Charges in Haiti

Wed. March 17th

"Peace Like a River": The Sound of Faith in
Collapsed Haiti Hotel

Kathy's Communiqué

What Makes Good Friday GOOD?

At the end of this month, March 28th, we will celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. On Friday of the same week (April 2nd) we will commemorate Jesus' death on the cross

- which we refer to as Good Friday.



Throughout the centuries many have speculated about Jesus' death. Others have made misguided attempts to find someone to "blame" for Jesus' death. Even

those who consider themselves Christians, at times, express confusion about Jesus' death.

Some love to hate the Romans who literally crucified and killed Jesus. However, the truth is they did not cause Him to die. Others, in past centuries have blamed the Pharisees, the Jewish leaders of the day, who demanded that the Romans crucify Jesus. In fact, some people who believed this even called their Jewish compatriots "Jesus killers." However, neither did they cause Jesus to die.

So who did? Who is to "blame" for Jesus' death?

The truth is that we all caused Jesus to suffer and die (including me -yes me too!).

The truth is that God is perfect. God is holy. There is no evil or imperfection in God's nature. In contrast we, as humans, can never be perfect. At some point or another, we will miss the mark, make a mistake or hurt someone else. In other words - we sin. Because we can never be perfect - there is a chasm between us and God.

The **good news** is that God knows we cannot be perfect all the time.

Jesus, being fully human, knows our struggles because He was one of us. Jesus, being fully God, bore all our sins and mistakes. Because of Jesus suffering and death on the cross, we can experience forgiveness. Jesus, the Savior, fills the gap between imperfect humans and a perfect God.

God loves us and forgives us. This is the **good** of Good Friday.

In response, may we first accept His love and forgiveness for ourselves and then help others experience His love and forgiveness for themselves.

Kathy Bird DeYoung
Rev. Kathy Bird DeYoung
Chaplain

(Please feel free to contact me about any concerns or questions about this article. This has been my brief and perhaps imperfect attempt to bring understanding concerning Jesus' death)

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