Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home was thrilled to have Tom and Meredith Brokaw as special guests for two very special events in May. The Home was honored to have The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, who serves as the Honorary Chairman of Saint Simeon’s Board of Trustees, attend and give the invocation at both events.

Tom Brokaw, television journalist and author, is perhaps best known as the former anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News. He is the author of the book *The Greatest Generation*, which is a term he coined to describe the generation of Americans who grew up during the deprivation of the Great Depression, and then went on to fight in World War II.

Meredith Brokaw is the niece of the late James Harvey, who was a member of the Saint Simeon’s Board of Trustees, a Trustee Emeritus, a generous donor to the Home, an avid supporter of Our Next Chapter: Building with Love! and a beloved Resident of the Home. Mr. Harvey’s wife, Inadoll, as well as his mother and Meredith’s grandmother, Edythe Harvey, were also Residents at Saint Simeon’s. Meredith is the author of *Big Sky Cooking*, a personal story of her family’s Montana experience told through recipes, menus, reflections, and photographs.

**Preview Reception**

In the afternoon the Brokaws joined Residents, Saint Simeon’s Board members and the Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary leadership for “The Greatest Generation at Saint Simeon’s: The Assisted Living and Wellness Centers Preview and Reception.” Tom Brokaw shared stories with the Residents about visiting Tulsa and being a part of the Harvey family. He spoke about the principles of the Greatest Generation and noted that Saint Simeon’s project being built debt-free is a return to “core American principles.”

**Donor Recognition Dinner**

In the evening the Brokaws were the special guests at the Donor Recognition Dinner at Southern Hills Country Club, hosted by Phyllis and George Dotson. The Dotsons, who served as Co-Chairs of the Capital Campaign, honored the more than 200 donors of the successful $23.3 million *Our Next Chapter: Building with Love!* capital campaign.

Lindsay Hurley Fick, President/CEO of Saint Simeon’s, welcomed the donors and guests and thanked the Dotsons for their leadership in the successful capital campaign. She praised the Saint Simeon’s Staff, Trustees and Auxiliary volunteers whose combined efforts provide excellent, loving care to Residents.
the Residents of the Home.

William E. Farrior, Chairman, Saint Simeon’s Board of Trustees, praised Phyllis and George Dotson for their individual contributions of time, talent and treasure. He noted that collectively, they are powerful ambassadors and champions for Saint Simeon’s and their charitable actions are bettering the lives of every single Resident of the Home. The events of the entire day and evening were a wonderful celebration of “Our Next Chapter” at Saint Simeon’s which has truly been “built on love.”

Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home opened the doors to its new Assisted Living and Wellness Centers with a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting on Sunday, August 9th. The event celebrated the completion of Our Next Chapter: Building with Love! capital expansion project.

Lindsay Hurley Fick, Saint Simeon’s President/CEO, welcomed the 400 or more guests, and expressed thanks to those whose efforts made the project possible. She introduced Dr. Mary Nole, who serves as the Wellness Coordinator for the new Bishop Moody Wellness Center, and Karen Blankenship, RN, who has been named Nurse Manager for the new Assisted Living Center.

William E. Farrior, Saint Simeon’s Board of Trustees Chairman, recognized and commended George and Phyllis Dotson, who served as Capital Campaign Co-Chairs, for their leadership in successfully raising the funds needed for the $23.3 MM project.

George Dotson, who also served as the Home’s Construction Representative, thanked the construction manager, Flintco, Inc. and MATRIX Architects, Engineers, Planners, Inc., who served as the project design team, the subcontractors, and the entire Saint Simeon’s staff. He also expressed appreciation for the many volunteers who worked to accomplish this chapter in the Home’s legacy including Mary Lou Havener, owner of MB Gardens for her landscape services. He stated, “Our wish is that the new Assisted Living and Wellness Centers will provide years of comfort and happiness to all who use and reside in ‘our Home built on love.’”

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma and Honorary Chairman of Saint Simeon’s Board of Trustees, offered the Blessing for the new expansion. A number of Trustees, Residents and Donors officially cut the ribbon opening the new Home.

In a special Proclamation from Mayor Kathy Taylor, Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home was commended for its years of outstanding service and August 9th, 2009 was proclaimed as Saint Simeon’s Day in the City of Tulsa.

All attending enjoyed refreshments while touring the apartments, spacious activity and dining areas, and Wellness Center; and seeing the panoramic views of Tulsa. Music was provided before and following the formal Dedication by Barthelmes Conservatory faculty.
Thank you to each of our generous donors for committing $23,306,791 to the new Assisted Living and Wellness Centers capital building project. You have written the next great chapter in the history of Saint Simeon’s!

Our Next Chapter: Building with Love! Capital Campaign Cabinet

Pat & Mike DiNunzio, Honorary Chair
Mary Ann Hille & Maggie Hille Yer, Honorary Co-Chairs

George & Phyllis Dioton, Campaign Co-Chairs

Cabinet Members
Lucy & John Binker Don Brotan
The Rt. Rev. William Cox Gayle & Frank Eley
James D. Harvey Miller & Mrs. Ada Williams

Our Next Chapter: Building with Love! Capital Campaign Cabinet
Thomas Jefferson said, “Exercise and recreation are as necessary as reading. I would rather say more necessary, as health is worth more than learning.”

At Saint Simeon’s all Residents now have wonderful new opportunities for exercise and recreation in the beautiful new Bishop Moody Wellness Center. The Center officially opened in September and it has become the hub of activity at the Home thanks to the enthusiastic Wellness Center staff led by Dr. Mary Nole. Mary is Saint Simeon’s Wellness Coordinator. She holds a BS from The University of Tulsa, and MS in Physical Education from the University of South Carolina. Her Doctorate in Education and Graduate Certificate in Gerontology were earned at Oklahoma State University.

Mary is ably assisted by Dan Kirkpatrick and Kasey Trowhill who are both lifeguards and aquatic instructors. Dan is a Leisure Management and Therapeutic Recreation major at OSU, and Kasey is a pre-Physical Therapy student at TU. Along with duties in the pool, they will also be teaching/supervising in the dry-exercise areas. Mary and the Wellness Center staff provide a full schedule of programs daily designed to encourage Residents in all areas of the Home to become and/or stay physically active. Each participating Resident is assessed by the staff using the Senior Fitness Test and a pre-participatory survey designed by the Arthritis Foundation.

The Center’s beautiful, indoor warm water, saline pool has generated a lot of excitement. Classes are offered daily and include the Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program, which consists of gentle range of motion and strengthening exercises in the warm water, and Water Exercise, which is our own creation of fun and exercise in the pool.

The exercise equipment in the Harvey Workout Room was chosen specifically for the aging user, i.e. a seated elliptical vs standing, and an upper/lower body ergometer that can be accessed by wheelchair users with no need to transfer. Residents’ individualized programs include opportunities for muscular strengthening as well as cardiovascular conditioning. The Studio will be used primarily for classes. The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, Healthy Back and Sineware are currently underway. These and future offerings such as Tai Chi, Hip School and Yoga will be designed to improve balance, stamina, mental performance and reduce pain.

The new massage room will be available for Residents and their families to schedule private, full-body massages given by certified Massage Therapists. This will be an extra service, provided in the comfort and convenience of the Home, for a nominal fee.

The potential importance of the Wellness Center in the life of Saint Simeon’s Residents cannot be overstated. By maintaining/improving “functional health,” older adults can be more independent which contributes to a positive, “can do” attitude. While we cannot cure many of the diseases associated with aging, Mary states, “It is never too late to do something that will make you feel better; and when you feel better, you ARE better.” Along with physical and emotional benefits, exercisers form a unique sense of community. The social bonds and interaction help further support overall “wellness.”

In addition to all the fun and improved health Residents can expect, they will also have the opportunity to be part of Research programs. An Oral Roberts University student is conducting a study with Memory Center Residents, involving both cognitive and physical training. An upcoming study in conjunction with Texas Women’s University will utilize a specialized piece of strength training equipment which isolates the gluteus muscles. Hopes are that the “gluteator” will contribute to stability, balance and decreased fall-risk by strengthening the gluteus muscles and the stabilizing muscles surrounding the hip.

THE BEST PART? All of these benefits and activities for Residents are included in the monthly rate – there is no extra “Gym Membership” charge!

For a personal tour of the Home and the Wellness Center, please contact Karen Stanhope at 918.794.1902.
I just recently passed my three year anniversary at Saint Simeon’s. Although it’s a worn-out cliché, its true – time flies. As I look back over the past three years it is amazing all that has taken place in the life of Saint Simeon’s.

When I first joined Saint Simeon’s as the President and CEO in 2006, the renovation of the Healthcare Center was almost complete and architectural and construction planning for the new Assisted Living and Wellness Centers was beginning to take form. Western Days 2006 had just set a new record for funds raised. And, my predecessor, Marian Matthews, had retired after 16 years of leading Saint Simeon’s and establishing the Home’s enduring legacy.

Change was definitely on the horizon, although one vital aspect could not, would not and will not change. Saint Simeon’s is the “Home Built on Love”.

Over the course of the last three years Saint Simeon’s has been blessed in more ways than I can recount here. However, a short list of highlights seems in order.

I think it is fair to say that the crowning achievement of the past three years was the extraordinary fundraising of $23.3 million by Phyllis and George Dotson, accompanied by Stephen Mason, Executive Director of Saint Simeon’s Foundation, for the construction of Saint Simeon’s new Assisted Living and Wellness Centers. The Home will forever be indebted to Phyllis and George for their tireless efforts and personal financial support.

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Little did I know that the painting of the Chicken Dance would become a requirement of my job! The Auxiliary adds a tremendous dimension to the lives of the Residents and the lives of Employees as well. The Auxiliary is a vital ingredient in the love found at Saint Simeon’s. Life at Saint Simeon’s encompasses so much more but when all is said and done it is the Residents that make the difference. For all of us privileged to share in the lives of the Residents the days are filled with joy, smiles, hugs and love. At those times when our hearts are saddened by the loss of someone we held dear, we are thankful we had the opportunity to know them and love them.

Saint Simeon’s is truly a special place – ‘A Home Built on Love.’

The bears and raccoon were "named" several years ago in a contest among staff and Residents at the Home. A Resident, Sally Engelson, had the winning entry naming the bears Zeke (for Ezekiel) and Zach (for Zacharias) and the raccoon Jerry (for Jeremiah). She thought they deserved biblical names (at that time they were located by the Chapel) but with nicknames that reflected their playfulness. All three of the sculptures are examples of the loving touches that are found throughout our campus that make Saint Simeon’s such a special, one of a kind Home for the Residents.
Henry Ford is credited with saying, “If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”

“Moving forward together” is one of the hallmarks of Saint Simeon’s that was evident once again for Western Days 2009 – The Driller’s Bash. John and Lucy Barker, Event Chairs, Eileen and Jim Hewgley, Honorary Chairs, and Mary Ann Hille, Maggie Hille Yar and Kajeer Yar, Patron Chairs, along with over 90 volunteers in the Advisory, Patron and Steering Committees planned this year’s event benefiting the Home’s Memory Center.

Residents and families benefiting from the care and services provided in Saint Simeon’s Memory Center will enjoy a $500,000 remodel thanks to the supporters of Western Days 2009 – The Driller’s Bash. For over 15 years, Saint Simeon’s Memory Center has provided Residents loving care in their home-like living accommodations with the added bonus of the Home’s warm water activity pool, exercise rooms, Ice Cream Parlor, Bistro, Chapel, outdoor walking paths and other life enriching activities.

Western Days 2009 generated more than $460,000 in net proceeds! This breaks last year’s record setting event by more than $100,000.

Will Farrior, Saint Simeon’s Board Chairman, “crowned” Phyllis Dotson “Queen of Saint Simeon’s” in recognition of her wonderful work for the Residents of the Home.

Sheri Colpitt, Decorations Chair, who took guests down memory lane with oil derricks, oil field signs and memorabilia which included vintage oil company signs on loan from Ron Woodward.

Over 160 auction items were artfully displayed by Judy Lawson, Silent Auction Set Up Chair, and Karen Absey, Sara Dale and Ann Radford, Bidders’ Board and Live Auction Display Chairs.

We thank this year’s Bidders’ Board donors: Kay Deardorff for a custom oil painting; Lexus of Tulsa for the use of a car for a weekend at Cinnamon Valley Resort; GH Company for a diamond band ring; Brenner’s Ltd. for a custom-made sport coat; Frank & Sara Dale and Max & Laura Mantooth for the use of their Grand Lake Home; TNT Stables for a party with their miniature horses; United Safety & Claims, Inc. for a Billy Sims OU jersey and Steve Owens OU football; Dr. Stephen Campbell for a vintage plane ride; The University of Oklahoma for the OU Marching Band Game Day Experience; The Nature Conservancy – Oklahoma Chapter for an overnight stay at Barnard Ranch in the Tall Grass Prairie; Alvin Cruise for an old-fashioned “Father Christmas;” Blue Dome Diner-Only Love Catering for a dinner for six; Coreen Cordova for a “Western Days” charm bracelet; Kim Doner, author/illustrator, for a classroom visit; and Marshall Brewing Company and McNellie’s for a brewery tour and dinner for ten.

At the General Store, a Western Days tradition, guests purchased homemade items donated by the Saint Simeon’s staff led by Denise Fack and hand-sewn items made by Steve & Phyllis Anderson and Phyllis & George Dotson.

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Residents led by Resident Marie Millar. Everyone was invit- en with their special guests and “chefs” along with 7 other
to swimming in the new warm water pool. “Heaven’s Kitchen!,” featured “Chefs” by the Rev. Irv Cutter. The Rev. Mary Ann Hill, The Rev. Bill Holly and The Rev. Stephen McKee with special guests The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ed and Debbie Konieczny. The high bidder will enjoy an evening with their special guests and “chefs” along with 7 other close friends. Another wonderful dinner for ten will be pre- pared and served in the home of the high bidder by Bishop Ed and Debbie Konieczny. Albert G’s Bar-b-Que will provide a take-out dinner for 25 for the winner of their dona- tion. A superb three course dinner for eight including wine pairings was donated by The Local Table, and an elegant evening with a nine course chef’s tasting menu paired with wine was donated by The Polo Grill.

We thank these friends of the Home for fabulous get-aways to great destinations including Ross and Margaret Swimmer for their townhouse in Washington, D.C., Paul Woodul for vacation homes in Colorado and Texas, Maggie Whitt for her townhome in the mountains of Red River, New Mexico, Scott Pelley and CBS for a tour of the CBS studios in New York, and Friend of Saint Simeon’s for a week at a private villa in Jamaica. Setting the pace for activities was inevitable with so many laboring together for the sole purpose of brightening the lives of the Home’s 54 Residents who reside in the Memory Center.”

The Residents
Celebrate Western Days

On September 3rd Saint Simeon’s Residents were treated to a special Pre-Western Days. A “Round-Up” which featured games, prizes and special miniature cupcakes as refreshments was held in the morning. At the noon meal all dining areas of the Home served a special western-style menu with all the fixin’s. The dining tables looked festive underwriting this special event and to Debbie Baker and Reveille Claussing, daughters of Resident Marilyn Baker, for serving as Pre-Western Days Party Chairs.

ing the entertainment. The highlight of the gala was the crowning of the Western Days Oil Baron (Tom Freeman) and Oil Baroness (JoAnna Newman).

Our thanks are extended to Robin Ballenger, Foundation Trustee and sister of Resident Patty Flint, for generously underwriting this special event and to Debbie Baker and Reveille Claussing, daughters of Resident Marilyn Baker, for serving as Pre-Western Days Party Chairs.
Western Days 2009 Committees

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He is still active today as an Emeritus Board member.

He served as the Emcee for the dedication and blessing of the Memory Center, which he helped to create. Jim and Eileen possess that unique combination of younger men and women admire and respect.

Jim is hardworking, direct, forthright—a man of integrity. He was the 30th Mayor of the City of Tulsa and an honored member of our community; an Emeritus member of the Holland Hall Board and an honored member of Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary.

Jim and Eileen were tremendously ambassadors for Saint Simeon’s home. They believe in its work. They believe in its mission.

Eileen has been a cherished member of Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary. She is still active today as an Emeritus Board member.

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Mable Rice – Pathfinder Award Recipient

Resident Mable Rice along with her best friend since seventh grade, Senator Maxine Cissel-Horner, received the Tulsa League of Women Voters 2009 Pathfinder Award. The award was presented on October 6th at the Pathfinders Award Gala held at the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. Established in 2003 the Pathfinders Award is given in recognition of individuals who have contributed significantly to the civic and cultural life of the Tulsa community.

Here is what the League said about Mrs. Rice: “Mable Rice has been opening doors all of her life with the purpose of welcoming others to new experiences and opportunities. Her efforts have enriched and impacted the lives of people throughout Oklahoma. Ms. Rice’s enthusiastic spirit led her to establish the first Black retail shop in the Williams Center in downtown Tulsa. Her determination and hard work set the stage for many women and minority entrepreneurs to follow.”

As Executive Director of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, she advocated for over a decade for the quality of life issues for persons affected with the disease. In 1975 Rice worked with her friend and colleague, Maxine Cissel-Horner, to lead the Tulsa office of the Minority Women’s Employment Program. The program worked to place minority women in professional, managerial and technical positions in the private sector.

An advocate for the arts, Rice was the creator and organizer of the Black Arts Festival, bringing national talent to Tulsa as well as showcasing local artists.

Rice has served in leadership roles for the Tulsa Urban League, the Performing Arts Center Board and the Tulsa Arts Commission. She was the 2006 recipient of the Maxine Cissel-Horner Spirit of Community Excellence Award from the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame.”

Kathy Hinkle, Saint Simeon’s Education Director and Co-President of the Tulsa League of Women Voters, observes, “Mable Rice’s life of determination and achievement has made Tulsa a better place. The Pathfinder Awards Dinner was held at the Jazz Hall of Fame, formerly the Tulsa Train Depot. Growing up, Mable was not allowed to drink from the “Whites Only” water fountain located at the Depot. Now, years later, in that same building, hundreds of Mable’s family members, friends, and Tulsa Leaders assembled to pay tribute to her. What an honor it is to have Mable as a Resident at Saint Simeon’s.”

Phyllis & George Dotson – Tulsa Hall of Fame

Beloved friends of Saint Simeon’s Phyllis and George Dotson were inducted into the Tulsa Hall of Fame on October 15th. Each year the Tulsa Historical Society honors members of the Tulsa community whose vision and accomplishments represent the best of our city. Honored for their commitment and dedication to the community, both are widely recognized for their outstanding leadership both as individuals and as a team. Together, the Dotsons demonstrate the power of a dynamic couple working to the benefit of the community. They Co-Chaired Saint Simeon’s successful $23,300,000 Capital Campaign, Their Next Chapter: Building with Love.

George Dotson, who serves as a Trustee of the Saint Simeon’s Home Board and the Saint Simeon’s Foundation Board, is a native Oklahoman. He graduated from M.I.T. in 1962, served in the Army as a Captain in Germany and Vietnam, and completed his education by receiving an M.B.A. from Harvard. He served as president of Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Co., and vice president and a director of Helmerich & Payne, Inc. He was 1995 Chairman of the International Association of Drilling Contractors and received in 1998 Contractor of the Year Award.

Phyllis Dotson, who serves as a Trustee of the Saint Simeon’s Foundation Board, was born in Salem, MA and graduated from Simmons College in Boston with a B.S., R.N. degree in Nursing, 1962. Phyllis’s community service reaches out to health, education, the arts, and includes serving on the Board of Philbrook Museum of Art and on the advisory boards of the Tulsa Ronald McDonald House, Mental Health Association, Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Crosstown Learning Center, and the Assistance League of Tulsa. She also serves on the board of the Juliette Low Society and the Resonance Open Door Society. Phyllis is a member of Junior League of Tulsa, and a lifetime member of St. John Medical Center Auxiliary and Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary.

Stephen Mason, Executive Director, Saint Simeon’s Foundation notes, “George and Phyllis are the consummate husband and wife team whose passion for life and the betterment of others is infectious. Many give of time or talent or treasure. Rare is the person who commits all three to the utmost. The Residents are blessed to have two such persons in our Saint Simeon’s family.”

Flintco – Excellence in Construction Award

Flintco, who served as the contractor for Saint Simeon’s new Assisted Living and Wellness Centers, was honored by the Associated Builders & Contractors of Oklahoma for their work on our project with the Excellence in Construction Award (Health Care $15–25 million). The award was presented at a banquet held on October 15th at the Greenwood Cultural Center. It should be noted that Flintco received awards in a total of 12 project categories! The bronze eagle statuette presented to Flintco is now on display at Saint Simeon’s in the Bistro. Congratulations to Robin Ballenger, President of Flintco, and the entire construction team for the project at Saint Simeon’s.

Lindsay Hurley Fick, Saint Simeon’s President/CEO states, “Saint Simeon’s was very pleased to hear that Flintco received the Excellence in Construction Award. The Flintco name is synonymous with quality, integrity and professionalism. Our new Assisted Living and Wellness Centers are great examples of a shared vision and strong partnership between Flintco and Saint Simeon’s.”
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We are always delighted to have community groups volunteer at Saint Simeon’s. Last summer young people and adults from the Presbyterian Church sponsored Synod Youth Workshop painted sign posts for the exterior signage, completely detailed the large Saint Simeon’s van, cleaned bed frames and washed windows. In addition to Auxiliary Members, volunteers from the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Delta Delta Delta Sorority at the University of Tulsa, Tulsa Community College, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Singles Available for Community Service (SACS), and other family members of Saint Simeon’s Staff helped to make Western Days 2009 a success. The many hours of service donated by all of these wonderful volunteers enhance the quality of life for Residents as well as benefitting the Home.

For information about Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary and Volunteer Opportunities visit www.saintsimeons.org and click on Volunteer Support or contact Karen Garren at 918.794.1945 or kgarren@saintsimeons.org.

“Volunteers are love in motion!”
—Author Unknown

At the “Home Built on Love” we are blessed in many ways including the work done by wonderful individuals and groups who give their time and talent for the benefit of the Residents and the Home.

Saint Simeon’s has two very special volunteers from Senior Companions, which is a federal program for seniors who wish to help other seniors. These volunteers perform many one-on-one activities with Residents in the Health Care Center, such as playing dominoes, working puzzles or helping prepare meals. Our own Saint Simeon’s employees along with members of their families committed a Saturday morning in October to volunteer on their own time for the Alzheimer’s Association Memory Walk 2009 in support of the cause to end Alzheimer’s disease.

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Our Volunteers DO Make a Difference!

Georges Harrington, Auxiliary President, contacted the Thunderbird Youth Academy and through their community service program, the cadets have volunteered at Saint Simeon’s on three occasions providing the labor for several landscape projects at the Home.

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