Don’t squat on your spurs - Western Days 2011, “Bonanza Bash” will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at Central Park Hall at Expo Square. Bonanza Bash marks the 15th annual milestone of this fundraising event benefiting the Residents and families of Saint Simeon’s. Honorary Chairs John and Lucy Barker will be celebrated for their long-time friendship, guidance, and support of Saint Simeon’s. Peggy and Tom Schroeder, Event Chairs, have organized volunteers for the Advisory, Patron and Steering Committees, with Phyllis and George Dotson serving as Patron Committee Chairs.

On Tuesday, May 3rd, Patron Committee Chairs Phyllis and George Dotson hosted the Western Days Kickoff Party at their home. Advisory, Patron and Steering Committee Members enjoyed ideal springtime weather and an outstanding Albert G’s Bar-b-que Dinner, as they brainstormed ideas and made plans to ensure that “Bonanza Bash” will be the most celebrated and successful Western Days on record.

As many will recall, the Wine Pull was an exciting new element to Western Days in 2009. For a $20 donation, guests were invited to select and “pull” a number corresponding to a bottle of wine. This year’s Wine Pull Party will be sponsored and hosted by Jane and Lowell Faulkenberry. This is the second year that Jane and Lowell have hosted the Wine Pull Party to “raise” bottles of wine that will then be placed in the Wine Pull.

Robin Ballenger has once again graciously offered to underwrite the Resident Western Days party, which will be held onsite at Saint Simeon’s on Saturday, August 13. The Resident party, chaired by Nancy and Jim Gustine, is a wonderful “prelude on the Ponderosa”, and especially meaningful for those Residents and staff who would otherwise be unable to attend the main event.

The $2,500 Utica Square Shopping Spree will once again be one of this year’s raffle prizes, and Committee Members are busy working to explore every option to secure live and silent auction items. As preparations continue, Saint Simeon’s would like to remind everyone that there are many ways to help make Bonanza Bash a success. You can help by:

• Serving as a sponsor, with sponsorships ranging from $50,000 to $500;
• Selling raffle tickets for the $2,500 Utica Square Shopping Spree;
• Purchasing raffle tickets, 1 for $20 or 6 for $100;
• Donating an item or service for silent or live auctions;
• Purchasing individual reservations at $75 each; and
• Attending the Bonanza Bash on Tuesday, September 13th, 2011!

If you are interested in any of the above, or if you would like to discuss other ways you can help, please contact Stephen Mason, Executive Director of the Foundation, at (918) 794-1937. You can help us reach our goal!

God bless them, there, Cowgirls: Steering Committee member Judy Lawson and Patron Committee member and Saint Simeon’s Resident Anne Evans.

Heed ‘em up! And more ‘em out: (l-r) Saint Simeon’s Foundation Board of Trustees President Will Smith, Bonanza Bash Co-Chair Tom Schroeder, and Honorary Chairs Lucy and John “Hoss” Barker.

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s I write this the sun is streaming through the window of my office – it’s a beautiful day! My intention would have been a summery update on all that is happening at Saint Simeon’s. However the tornado destruction that took place recently in Joplin, Missouri is heavy on my heart and mind.

Saint Simeon’s takes safety seriously and strives to ensure that all aspects of safety for Residents and for staff are in place, practiced on a routine basis, and embedded into the fabric of Saint Simeon’s operations. Tornado preparedness is just one example. Since January 2011, we have had three tornado drills in all areas of the Home and we coordinate our preparedness efforts with the Tulsa’s Metropolitan Emergency Response System.

Other aspects include fire drills that are performed on a monthly basis. Resident rooms and apartments being checked regularly for hazards such as excessive electrical cords (both a trip hazard and a fire hazard). Debris free and checked regularly for hazards such as excessive electrical cords. Fire drills are performed on a monthly basis.

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Inside the building the renovation of the Memory Center is almost complete. The new colors, furniture and finishes give a new vibrancy for Residents, their families and the staff. Once again, thank you to the generous donors that make these wonderful changes possible.

I’m about to wrap up and notice that the sun is no longer shining and it appears thunderstorms are again brewing. My prayers are with those that have sustained so much from weather related storms. I am hopeful the weather predictions for later today do not materialize, but if they do I am thankful that our staff is prepared and dedicated to the safety and well-being of the Residents and of each other.

Take care and have a safe and wonderful summer!

A Message from Lindsay Hurley Fick

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The Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary “A Salute to Service” was well-attended by current members, Residents, family members, and other attendees, who were all present to commend the legacy of those before them - those who had served, supported, comforted, and persevered, to make tomorrow better than today for our Residents.

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In the past several months, Saint Simeon’s has sculpted our tranquil, natural landscaping with a variety of blooms, bushes and shade trees. Over 75 new trees and plantings now surround the entrance of the Dotson Family Assisted Living Center. And thanks to generous donations, 24 new benches have been placed across the grounds. The benches are used primarily by Residents as a comfortable place to await rides, rest during walks, and enjoy outdoor visits with family and guests.

In a continued effort to further beautify our community, the Saint Simeon’s Foundation recently made possible the opportunity to pay tribute to, or memorialize, a loved one by participating in the “Nurturing with Nature” program, by sponsoring a tree, bench cluster, tree medley, or premier initiative near our gated entrance. These living monuments on the Saint Simeon’s grounds will be enjoyed for generations to come, providing both an important aesthetic value to our community, while also producing essential environmental, human health, wildlife and security benefits.

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Memory Center improvements include: refurbishing all living and common areas, new furniture, new floor surfaces throughout, refurbishing all bath and kitchen areas in each living unit, moving air handler unit from present location to a more effective location, new paint and flooring in connecting hall, and landscaping enhancements.

The final cost of the improvements is $2.5 million, and has been funded entirely by generous donations, with no impact on Resident rates.

“Kris’s Caring Champion” nomination forms are available at each nurse station and reception desks. Or, you may also email us your nomination at any time to Bonnie Gorrell, HR Director, at bgorrell@saintsimeons.org. The nomination form will also be available at www.saintsimeons.org.

“Kris’s Caring Champions” was created with a generous endowed gift from our friends Kris and Jerry Nichols. With Jerry’s blessing, the Staff re-named the previous employee recognition program as a tribute to Kris, who is in the latter stages of Alzheimer’s. The Staff was honored that Kris was a Resident in 2010 and we all appreciate Jerry for his desire to reward staff members who offer outstanding care. Investment earnings from this new “Employee Recognition Endowment Fund” will fund the benefits provided to each “Kris’s Caring Champion” circle nominee and winner.

We are very thankful for Kris and Jerry Nichols and we are excited that everyone, through the nomination process, will be able to help us recognize those employees who work so hard to fulfill the mission of Saint Simeon’s.
Beloved Former Resident Honored with Easter Gift

By Father Bill Holly

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