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Morrison Dining is 5 Years Old at Saint Simeon's!

In June 2006, Morrison Senior Living came to Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home. Over the years, we have grown and learned how to better serve our residents. It has been a wonderful partnership that has developed over the years and we hope to continue to grow together on our journey for years to come. In the past 2-3 years, we have worked on stabilizing our team and listening more to the needs of our residents and delivering on commitments. Through this process, we have introduced several programs that have enhanced the dining experience here. Themed meals, fine dining dinners, catering to special occasions for our residents and families, farmer’s markets, seasonal menus, nutritional care and wellness, monthly newsletters, and more, are all a regular part of what Morrison does at Saint Simeon’s. We believe that although we have a different name, we are truly an integral part of the Saint Simeon’s family.

- Ashwin Shrinivas, Morrison Dining Director

The Quill of the Hill will soon have a new feature, providing an opportunity to share creative writings, short stories, poems, jokes and other pieces.

**THIS FEATURE NEEDS A NAME**

Last month, we asked for naming ideas, and you responded! Here are the submissions:

- Writer’s Corner
- Elegant Expressions
- Inspiration Nook
- The Inkspot
- Hilltop Potpourri
- Saint Simeon’s Cornucopia
- Monthly Medley
- Miscellany

* * * * * VOTE * * * * *

If you’re reading this Quill, you’re eligible to vote! Submit your favorite name to kearickson@saintsimeons.org, or you may call (918) 794-1945 or stop by the Foundation office.
Dear Families and Friends of Saint Simeon’s,

There is a wonderful singer/songwriter, who also happens to be a Benedictine Monk, named Cyprian Consiglio. I have been a fan of his music for a few years now, thanks to Patty Flint who first got me listening to him. Recently, as I listened to an older song of his, I heard it again for the first time. There was a line that smacked me right between the eyes. I had to play it again and again. Did I hear what I thought I heard? The words grabbed me at the core of my being as if God were saying, “Listen and learn!”

The song is entitled, “This is Who You Are,” and it is based upon a poem written anonymously by a Trappist Monk. Cyprian sings this in a call and response style with each verse followed by the words, “this is who you are” and the response, “this is who I am.” Every verse of this is amazing, but in particular I offer you this:

Eternally known, chosen of God, home of infinite majesty.
This is who you are. (This is who I am.)
This is who you are. (This is who I am.)

These words are almost too powerful to comprehend. Imagine yourself, eternally known by God. There never has been a time when God has not known you! Just as powerful is to understand that you have been and are chosen by God – chosen for life! You have been personally, individually, uniquely chosen by God. If that’s not astonishing enough, so also has the person next to you, and the one down the street, in the next town, over on the next continent. Everyone who has ever lived, is living now, or ever will live is eternally known and chosen by God. This has no dependency on status, goodness, accomplishment, ability, or anything else we might value. It just is. The almighty, unknowable, incomprehensible God knows you always, and has chosen you!

We have short memories. We need to be reminded who we are and whose we are. As we forget, we fall further and further from the life for which God has chosen us: a life filled with gifts and talents to be used to create, for God has shared that glorious endeavor with us. Ours is to be a life lived in community with others where gifts and talents are discovered and shared. It is to be a life in which we cherish ourselves and each other because each of us is eternally known, chosen of God, and the dwelling place of infinite majesty. This is who you are.

Blessings to you,
Fr. Bill Holly+
Roots n’ Shoots n’ Critters by Kathy Hinkle

Recently we had an Employee Family Picnic in Eckel Park. In addition to some fun water games and extra delicious hot dogs, this was also an opportunity for our employees’ family members to visit Saint Simeon’s and actually see where we work. We knew kids would be involved and didn’t want them to miss any of our more interesting plants and animals, so a “Nature Highlights Tour Guide” was prepared. Whether you are new to Saint Simeon’s or have been a part of our family for a long time, you may not know what you are missing!

Saint Simeon’s 2011 Employee Picnic

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NATURE HIGHLIGHTS TOUR GUIDE

Eckel Park: Clayton Coss carving of Simone I and Simone II, Eagle Scout raised bed herb garden, vegetable garden. Gazebo Courtyard: Peafowl (peacocks, peahens and peachicks), two raised flower beds with unusual specimens from Bustani Farms. Reflections Courtyard: Peafowl, pond with Koi and goldfish, Rosalind Cook sculpture, fan-tail pigeon, Garden Diva sculpture. Aviaries: Finches & Doves (and chicks!), Ice Cream Parlor, Memory Center. Aquariums: Saltwater Reef fish and corals, Dotson Family Assisted Living Center (1st & 2nd floors), Health Care Center. Historic Trees: (grown from saplings) Andrew Jackson Southern Magnolia, Johnny Appleseed Apple Tree (full of apples!), Creek Nation Council Oak.

Getting to Know

- Jerry Williams

Recognized recently as Kris’ Caring Champion (Employee of the Month) was Jerry Williams. He was nominated by his supervisor, Jaunise Mason, and this is what she said:

While some tend to relax on their weekend shifts, not Jerry Williams. This past weekend, Jerry took it upon himself to clean the carpeting in the Administration Office. You’re probably wondering what was so special about that. Well, what is so wonderful about it is that Jerry cleaned the carpeting with good old fashion elbow grease. He removed stains, tar spots, and some of Simone II’s accidents; things that our carpet cleaning machine was unable to do. Jerry’s reasoning for this act was that he did not want visitors to think that Saint Simeon’s was a dirty place. Thank you, Jerry, for your hard work and dedication toward your job and Saint Simeon’s.

Jerry works in the Facilities Services (Housekeeping) Department. His specialty is our floors and he’s been working on them since 1982 – almost 30 years! No wonder he was able to accomplish things that a machine or outside cleaning service couldn’t. Here is what Jerry had to say. If you want to hear more, just ask him to show you a picture of one of his grandkids…

“I’m in Housekeeping and I work on the floors all over the building. This is a very nice place and I want it to always look nice too. Sometimes I vacuum, sometimes I mop and sometimes I use our carpet cleaning machine. I found out about Saint Simeon’s from my brother Frank who used to work here. He was doing the same thing that I am doing now. When he told me this was a good place to work, I was working for the City of Tulsa as a cook there in City Hall. For a long time I worked both places - as a cook there and as a floor technician here. This is a fantastic place to work because of all the wonderful people who live here or work here or visit here.”

“I was born in Tulsa to Beulah and Louris Williams. My Dad died when I was four years old and my Mom was a nurse. They had three boys and two girls – Frank, Colune, Alonzo, Olivia and me. I attended Webster High School, where I played basketball. Later I moved over to live with my Grandma, Keena Williams, and attended Booker T. Washington High School. My brothers and sisters are all fantastic and all still live around here.”

“My first job was cooking at a place called the Highway House in South Haven. I also cooked at Neal’s Restaurant. I was at the Bus Station one day waiting for the bus and met my future wife, Dorothy Williams. I’m pretty old fashioned and think that it is the man’s job to get out and make a living and the woman stays at home so that is what we have done.”

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On Thursday, June 16th, Saint Simeon’s honored and celebrated our Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) with a special ceremony in the Common Room. President and CEO Lindsay Fick praised Saint Simeon’s CNAs as “the very best”, and Father Bill Holly shared a poem and special prayer. Health Care Center Nurse Manager Martha Rentie noted the important role our CNAs play, stating “You are our most present caregivers. You see our Residents everyday, and you talk to their families. You are Saint Simeon’s... to them and their families.”

National CNA Week was June 16-23.


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“I’ve lived in Tulsa all my life except for living in Bakersfield, California for a while where my wife’s parents were. We decided that things were just too fast in California so came back to Oklahoma. We are active members at New Hope Church where our son is the preacher. I can attend every other Sunday when I’m not working here.”

“My dream was to have a wonderful family, wonderful grandkids and wonderful people to work with and that has all come true. I believe that if you do a good job at whatever you do and if you love people like I do, then you can be proud of your life and people will appreciate and like you. You can’t be a slacker! Everything I say is very, very true. I’m not just saying it. I’ve tried to be a good person and never get into trouble. I’ve just always been the same good ole Jerry!”
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July 2011 Resident Council Meetings
Monthly Resident Council meetings are held for each living area. Residents and their family members learn about upcoming events, ask questions, or express concerns about their care and life at Saint Simeon’s.

Health Care Center
Thurs., July 28, 10:30 a.m.
Garden View Dining Room

Dotson Family Assisted Living Center
Tues., July 26, 10:30 a.m.
Deisenroth Bistro

Memory Center
Thurs., July 28, 3 p.m.
Home 6

D-Hall Assisted Living
Tues., July 26, 1:30 p.m.
Common Room

July 2011 Residents

7/4   Lois Tate
7/6   William King
7/7   Ruth Boone
7/7   Raymond Harmon
7/8   Garland Johnson
7/11  Charles Kingsley
7/12  Alice West
7/16  Patricia Green
7/19  Bobbie Stauss
7/22  Jewell Read
7/22  Virginia Sapp
7/24  Patricia Lohman
7/27  Nancy Susman
7/30  Harold Welch
7/31  Charles Payne
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