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Landscape Committee
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10:45 a.m., Smith Conference Center
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“Gluteators” get Stronger and More Agile
by Dr. Mary Nole, Director of Wellness

While the summer months saw LOTS of hot weather outside, our residents stayed cool inside the Wellness Center and put their time to good use working on their “glutes.” Six volunteers from our Assisted Living area participated in a study conducted by an ORU student to specifically analyze the benefits of our Gluteus Isolator machine, which is designed to specifically target users’ glutaeus and hip muscles. After only 10 weeks of training only twice each week, our subjects were pleasantly surprised at the effects of the exercise.

The measure that is most directly associated with mobility/risk of falling is called the “8 Foot Up & Go.” This is a timed event which consists of rising from a chair, walking around a cone (coincidentally, 8 feet away) and returning to a seated position. Our results on this test were astounding; four of our six folks significantly improved their scores! Improvements in times ranged from 5 seconds up to 36 seconds - reflecting individual improvements from 20% to 58%!

But most importantly, during the study period, participants reported less leg and hip pain, demonstrated improved ability to stand up and transfer to/from the machine, and felt the sense of pride and accomplishment in growing more proficient in the performance of the exercise.

So next time you visit, look around and see if you can spot the “buns of steel”!

The next meeting of the Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary is:
Tuesday, October 11
Smith Conference Center
1:00 PM

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We Remember in Our Prayers

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Jane Wyckoff-Evans

Those Who Have Departed from this Life

Ford Bankston
Richard Biedermann
Betty Cleere
Lorene Fisher
Adele Garren
George Hess
Johnny Howerton
William “Grant” McCabe
Richard “Dick” Walsh

Bonanza Bash Volunteers - Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, TU

Bonanza Bash Volunteers - Advisory Committee Members Liz & Charles Cohlmia

Bonanza Bash Volunteers - Singles Available for Community Service (SACS)
We just can’t believe he’s leaving …
… it really feels like something a Sooner might do …

Please join the Saint Simeon’s Family to honor our favorite Cowboy
Stephen Mason
Executive Director, Saint Simeon’s Foundation

After 11 wonderful years guiding the Saint Simeon’s Foundation, Stephen, the world’s proudest OSU alumnus, will soon be wearing his Western Days boots and hat full-time at the OSU Foundation in Tulsa. We are very proud of Stephen! And of course, we will miss him dearly.

Tuesday, October 4th
4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Deisenroth Bistro at Saint Simeon’s

Wine and Hors D’oeuvres

We kindly request an RSVP to Debbie
(918) 794-1977