You're Invited to Attend
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Thursday, May 24
7 o'clock P.M.
featuring live music in Eckel Park

Pictured below, the 2011 Ice Cream Social.
Right: Tommy and Trudy Williams, and Residents Ruth and Dr. Reece Boone.
Getting to Know...

Angie Johnson

Angie was nominated for Kris’s Caring Champion by the Memory Center Nursing Manager, Gina Sides.

Nurse Angie is very unassuming and laid back for the most part and also has the ability to remain calm, cool and collected under any circumstances. She knows how to take charge and does so in a professional manner. As Charge Nurse on 3-11, Angie runs a tight ship. She even ensures that the highest risk residents are at their assigned staff member’s side between other residents’ care. She is frequently seen balancing her nursing duties which include relieving CNAs for lunch breaks, administering treatments, overseeing med passes, noting physician orders, documenting nurses notes and responding to resident, family & staff requests, just to name a few. Her pleasant approach with the residents is very valuable. I would like Angie to know how much I appreciate her and how comforting it is to know that the Memory Center is in stable hands throughout the week when she is left in charge at the end of each day.

In addition to the duties described in her nomination, Angie serves on a committee charged with developing more activities to improve the lives of the residents in the evening. This is a time when some may be prone to feel sad or lonely and want to go home. It is important to divert their attention to something more positive. This committee is meeting once a week and if anyone has suggestions for additional activities, just let Angie know.”

“I grew up in Coffeyville, Kansas. My Mother and Father both worked in a factory and were hard working people. That’s where I learned my work ethic. I was the youngest of seven children, two brothers and four sisters. I graduated from Field Kindley Memorial High School, home of the Golden Tornadoes! I played several sports (particularly basketball) and was in the Drum and Bugle Corps. I was Drum and Bugle Corps Color Guard Sergeant.”

“I moved to Tulsa and worked as a Unit Clerk at Saint John’s Medical Center. I was there three years, working on the Medical Floor and then the Psych Unit.”

“Later I moved to California and attended Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga. I graduated with an Associate Degree in Business Administration. I thought accounting might be something I wanted to get into, so I attended the University of California in San Bernadino for a semester. My Father became ill, so I returned to Kansas to help my parents. He died in 1994. I decided to enter Nursing School and in 1997 became a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).”

“I decided to move to Tulsa where my sister lived and took a job at Tulsa’s Women and
Children’s Center. This is a place working to help women with mental health and substance abuse issues stay with their children or be reunited with them. My friends and family encouraged me to go on and become a Registered Nurse (RN). They thought I had just the right personality since I have always liked helping people. Whenever I saw anyone hurting or sick, I wanted to do something about it. When I became an RN, I applied here at Saint Simeon’s because the advertisement in the newspaper was appealing to me and appeared to be grounded in Christian values. This was my first job as an RN and I’ve been here since 2009.”

“I find working here to be very rewarding. I like being able to help our residents feel better when they are distressed or ill. I attend Victory Christian Center. In my spare time I relax by listening to music of all varieties. I enjoy watching the Antique Road Show on TV – tried but failed to get tickets when they recently were here in Tulsa. I enjoy shopping for furniture and going to Estate and Garage Sales – always looking for that special ‘find’ like you see on the Road Show.”

“I never thought that I would end up being a Nurse. I thought that I’d open up a business someday or be an Accountant. I’d still like to come up with some great invention someday, become a billionaire, and use my money to help the world. But, until then, I’m where I want to be. Saint Simeon’s is a good place with good people. It’s all good!”

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**Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary Educational Program**

**featuring Ann Patton**

**Author of Dan’s War on Poverty**

**Tuesday, May 15th**

1:00 p.m. in the Common Room

Open to ALL who would like to attend!

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Father Dan Allen was an Oklahoma original, devoted to fighting for social justice. His legacy and lasting contribution was laid in founding - and courageously fighting on behalf of - the Neighbor for Neighbor program.

In his uncompromising, controversial crusade, Dan Allen changed institutions as well as the lives of those who sought help and those who came to help. His simple but effective idea: one day a person needs help, the next day that person is helping others in need. From that mutual service came self-respect and self-sufficiency.

Author Ann Patton is an award-winning writer who wrote about Dan Allen as a Tulsa World reporter in the 1970s. She has written about community affairs for 40 years.
The Science Lesson “Topic for Today” is Peafowl and Recessive Genes. Saint Simeon’s has become well-known for our Peafowl (males – Peacocks, females – Peahens, babies – Peachicks). When someone spots a Peafowl somewhere loose in Tulsa, we’ll sometimes get a call asking if we’re missing one. Certainly our birds regularly leave the courtyards and sometimes even fly over the fence but so far they’ve never gone any further. They know a good deal when they see it. We started years ago with just one pair donated by Art Rubin. That pair was of the Black-Shouldered variety (look at the males and you can see where the name came from), and all of our other peafowl are descended from them; with the exception of the solid white one.

Mike Johns, the Bird Breeder down in Muldrow, Oklahoma, whom Art had done business with over the years, donated a pair of White Peafowl (not Albino). We still have the beautiful male but his mate died last year. She did present us with chicks before she died and that is where recessive genes come into play.

The original Peafowl were called India Blue. Several other varieties of birds have evolved over time but they all carry the India Blue recessive gene. Our White Peahen mated with one of our Black Shouldered Peacocks. Combining both their India Blue recessive genes, resulted in their off-spring being India Blues, even though we have never had that variety here before! Last year, we sold all of our chicks except for one of the male chicks. Since he is just a year old, he does not yet have the famous “trail” (long tail), but you can already see that he looks different from the other males and definitely doesn’t have black shoulders.

We don’t have any Peafowl chicks yet this season but we do have some special chicks in our Aviary in the Ice Cream Parlor. Finally, after all these years our Gouldian Finches have hatched eggs. The Gouldian are the most colorful finches but their two chicks are little gray balls of fluff - shades of the “Ugly Duckling”. If you look closely you can see a little bit of color beginning to appear, and we will get to watch them grow up to be unusually beautiful birds!
The Friends of the Animals, a committee within the Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary, recently received some very special donations.

On April 19th, a generous young man named Keldon Anderson presented four new pigeons to Resident Father Bob Evans, who, along with his wife Anne, chairs the Friends of the Animals Committee. Bud Martin, a dedicated Auxiliary member and fellow committee member, also assisted in transporting the birds to Saint Simeon’s. The Oklahoma Pigeon Breeder’s Association (OPBA) also donated a book, “Pigeon’s of North America in the 21st Century”, which was presented to the committee by Bud Martin, who is also a member of the OPBA.

Keldon Anderson is a sophomore at Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy in Broken Arrow. He is also a member of the OPBA. Bud Martin remarked that Keldon is “our newest and youngest donor to Saint Simeon’s”.

The new pigeons have been resting comfortably in their new “raccoon-proof” house, with Martin letting them out to explore occasionally.

Sincere thanks to both Keldon and the Oklahoma Pigeon Breeders Association for your kindness, generosity and support!

“Miscellany” is your place to share creative writings, remembrances, news and other pieces. If you have something you’d like to submit, send an email to kimberly.earickson@gmail.com.
Dear Residents, Families and Friends of Saint Simeon’s,

Easter is a season of joy! We fill our services with “Alleluias” and hymns of the good news that Christ is risen! Anthems are sung by choirs and soloists and wonderful programs abound. We even had the Tulsa Silver Haired Brass Quintet at the Chapel of Saint Anna this past Sunday (April 22nd). We jump quickly and headlong into the joy of Easter, and there is nothing wrong with that. However, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what is certainly hinted at in the scriptures, but never really discussed much – the grief of those who knew and loved Jesus of Nazareth.

When Jesus died, he left behind a large number of people who were devastated. A mother had to suffer the unthinkable: the death of her child. Peter and John lost their best friend. Mary and Martha of Bethany and Mary Magdalene lost a teacher who, unlike any other in those days, accepted them as followers, disciples, and friends even though they were women. Those who were members of the twelve, the ones who would be called Apostles, lost a companion and comrade, a teacher, a co-worker, a mentor, a brother. There were many other disciples who walked with him, and ate with him, and worked with him.

Then, of course, there was the great throng of people whose lives Jesus of Nazareth touched. There were those who were healed, at his hands, of various physical and emotional diseases. There were those whose spirits came alive within them as they heard him teach and gave them something they never expected to have – a knowing that God was indeed their Father, who knew and loved each one of them.

Jesus died way before his time. Those who knew him, loved him, and shared in life with him, were left to wonder in the midst of their grief, how such a thing could be. How were they supposed to live their lives now? What were they supposed to do? Where was God in all this?

Each one of us has shared or will share the experience of those whom Jesus left behind when he died. Each one of us has lost or will lose a friend, a brother or sister, a mentor, a co-worker, a loved one. We too, have or will grieve as they grieved, wonder what they wondered, ask the great questions, and search for God in the midst of what seems impossible. May we remember that Easter did in fact come – not at the same time for everyone – for some, sooner; for some, later. But it did come, and with it, the only answer we ever really need – God’s eternal love which transforms our life and turns our sorrow, our grief, and our tears into joy and light.

Easter Blessings to us all,
Fr. Bill Holly+
MAY birthdays

5/3  Pat Perrin
5/3  Gladys Scott
5/4  James Nichols
5/5  Michala Miller
5/6  Bernice Robak
5/7  James Colpitt
5/8  Joseph Keuchel
5/13 Jane Fair
5/19 Paul McGraw
5/24 Dolores Dukes
5/28 Elizabeth Dinsmore
5/28 Vivian Lassiter

Welcome

Allene Hart  Michala Miller
David Maher  Phyllis Stoermer
June & Al McCall  Lloyd Wallisch
John McCoy

Our new family members!

May Resident Council Meetings
Learn about upcoming events and share your thoughts!
All Residents and family members are always welcome.

Health Care Center
Thurs, 5/31, 10:30 a.m., Garden View Dining

Cottages & 1st Floor Dotson Assisted Living
Tues, 5/29, 10:30 a.m., Deisenroth Bistro

2nd Floor Dotson Assisted Living
Tues, 5/29, 1:15 p.m., Common Room

Memory Center
Thurs, 5/31, 3 p.m., Home 6

D-Hall Assisted Living
Tues, 5/29, 1:15 p.m., Common Room

Would you like to sign up to receive the Quill by e-newsletter?
Send an email to kimberly.earickson@gmail.com

Receiving the Quill by email is faster, and reduces postage costs to Saint Simeon’s!
If you don’t have email, we will gladly continue to mail the Quill to you.

We Remember in Our Prayers

Johnnie Howerton
Jean Stokes
Aggie York

Those Who Have Graduated from this Life
Arn McJilton

All of Saint Simeon's is saddened by the loss of Arn McJilton. Arn joined Saint Simeon's in 2007 as the Director of Facilities Management. His contributions were many and his heart was dedicated to the very best for all that call Saint Simeon's home. Arn will be very missed but his legacy can be found throughout Saint Simeon's. The following is excerpted from the obituary published in the Tulsa World:

On April 11, 2012, Arn Manuel Stephen McJilton was called to begin his new journey and so departed from this world. He put up the fight of his life, but unfortunately, lost the battle. He passed away at his home surrounded by his family. As it goes, “only the good die young”! Arn was born in St. Charles Missouri on November, 3, 1956, to Delores and George Calvert McJilton. Arn moved with his family to Tachikawa, Japan where they lived for 6 years. His family settled in Great Falls, Virginia. Arn graduated from Langley High School in 1974. During the following years he learned many skills of the carpentry and construction trades, but decided that was not enough. In 1981, Arn threw a dart at a map of the United States and with nothing more that hope, faith, and three hundred dollars, packed all of his belonging into his 1974 Firebird and moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He met and married Sue Slama on May 1, 1982. They moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma where he earned his bachelor’s degree in business from Oklahoma State University. Arn and Sue moved to Owasso where they raised their three children. Arn dreamed of having his own business so he created State Construction Corporation, which he owned and operated through 2010. Arn continued to touch lives as he became the Director of Facilities Management at Saint Simeon’s in 2007. He was very proud to have had the privilege to serve Saint Simeon’s and the Residents who reside there. Arn had many interests, but the one thing he enjoyed the most was being “dad” spending time with his wife and children. Read Arn’s obituary in it’s entirety at www.tulsaworld.com/ourlives/obituaries.aspx.