Books, Birds & Blooms!

Saint Simeon’s Grounds


On May 15th, the Education Committee welcomed author Ann Patton to speak about her latest book, Dan’s War on Poverty. Pictured from left to right are Ann Patton, author; Jerri Lesikar, Carol Falletti, and Dan Falletti, all volunteers at the Dan Allen Center for Social Justice; and Mable Rice, Resident.

Committee Meetings

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE
Saturday, June 2 at 10:45 a.m.
Smith Conference Center
Committee Chairs: JoAnna Newman & Kathy Hinkle

FRIENDS of the ANIMALS
Friday, June 8 at 10:45 a.m.
Smith Conference Center
Committee Chairs: Bob & Anne Evans
Juan was Kris’s Caring Champion for May. He was nominated twice - by a Resident and Family Member, and a Co-Worker. Here is what they said about him:

*We wanted Saint Simeon’s to know that Mom and I really appreciate and value the service provided by Juan and the Saint Simeon’s shuttle. Juan is excellent. He has great people skills, is very attentive and courteous and very punctual. This service is very beneficial and really helps the family meet the needs of their loved one, while minimizing the time away from their other obligations. But Juan makes it even more effective and pleasant. Our thanks!*

*Juan’s job is to drive, and he does many trips a week to many places all over Tulsa. He is very concerned for each resident’s safety and comfort. He talks with them, jokes with them, distracts them when needed and comforts them when the wait is long. He is also responsive to the family and listens to their concerns. When I schedule appointments and transports I picture things working on a smooth time line, Juan knows that is not how it works and goes with the flow while keeping his co-workers informed. Juan is willing to do what needs to be done and takes care of the residents to the best of his ability. So next time you see Juan moving a resident out to a waiting vehicle, give him a hand (literally) or applause with a thank you will do. Thank you, Juan.*

Juan says, “I was born in Honduras, Central America. My family lived in the city of San Pedro Sula, which is the second most important city. It has many factories, and is referred to as the ‘Honduras Capital of Industry’. I moved to the United States when I was 26 years-old to join my wife, who was already a citizen, and I became a citizen eight years ago. This is no easy task. You must demonstrate some ability to read and speak English (my first language is Spanish) and answer a series of questions about this country’s history and government.”

“I moved my family to Oklahoma from New Jersey. I had been working in a warehouse there, but I wanted a better place with better schools to raise my children. It was far more expensive to live in New Jersey. I like my job here. Tulsa is a nice place to live and to work. People treat you with respect.”

“I started working for Saint Simeon’s in 2003. My first job here was in Housekeeping (now called Facility Services). I knew that what I really wanted to do was be a driver, so I transferred to Saint
Simeon’s Adult Day Care Center and drove their bus, picking up participants and taking them home. When the decision was made to close the Center, I came back here to work in Life Enrichment and transportation was still my main job. Most of my trips are taking Residents to doctor appointments. When I am not driving, I also help with the Residents’ Activities.”

“I have driven across the United States from New Jersey to California. The waves are very different at the beaches on the West Coast versus the East Coast. Much bigger waves in California – that’s why there is surfing in California and not in New Jersey. Honduras is a beautiful country with beaches on the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. I would like to live there again someday when I am old. In my dreams, I live close to the ocean, swimming every day and swaying in a hammock.”

“My wife, Sandra, is a Tulsa Public Schools Cafeteria Manager. We have two daughters. Karina is eighteen-years old and works in Customer Service for Metropolitan Life Insurance. She has a degree in Pharmacy Technology and is studying to be a doctor. Karen is sixteen-years old and in the tenth grade at East Central High School. She enjoys soccer and is taking classes to get her driver’s license! At home we speak Spanish but at school and with their friends the girls speak English. I think it is important that they not forget Spanish. They watch the news in English and Spanish.”

“As a family we have enjoyed visiting Six Flags Amusement Parks in several states and our favorite vacation place is Padre Island in Texas. We have an energetic Maltese dog named Lola. We attend the Centro de Adoracion Familiar Christian Church. I like to watch soccer, and my favorite team is El Monstruo Verde (The Green Monster)!”

Because of Juan’s language skills, he has been very helpful when we have someone whose primary language is Spanish. He has also assisted with translations for families at the schools his children have attended. Juan is a wonderful resource for Saint Simeon’s, and for this country. Most recently, he was drafted for the recent Wellness Center Bathing Suit Fashion Show. Juan clearly looked the best! He would be at home on any beach in this country, or his beloved Honduras.

**Western Days 2012**

**Spirit of the West!**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2012**

Call (918) 794-1937 for sponsorship information
Yes, our Peacocks have been busy! The peahens have completed the 28 days of sitting on their eggs and they have hatched. Both Courtyards have adorable peachicks running around chasing insects. Be sure and come see them - they grow up so quickly! Of course, we will get to enjoy their antics here at Saint Simeon’s, but by the end of summer, they will go to good homes. We are at our limit of adult peacocks.

Our Vegetable Garden is also off to a wonderful start. Surely we won’t have another summer like last year. Bob Snow (pictured below) is responsible. He’s seen working in it almost every day. The corn is already high, as are the sunflowers, pumpkins, Resident Manny Romero’s hot peppers from New Mexico, beans, radishes, beets, and lots and lots of tomatoes!

The Auxiliary Landscape Enrichment Committee met with Steve Nessler, Owner of NewLawn and Landscape, Inc., who takes of the grounds. Steve took our suggestions, added his own, and came back with fantastic plants for the hanging baskets in the Gazebo, terra cotta planters on the Valley View Terrace, pedestal pots outside the Health Care Center Hilltop Dining room, and even two pots at the front Security Station.

Not all plants listed below are in every pot or hanging basket, but many are. They look beautiful even now, but will be gorgeous after they have filled in some more. Here is a list of the plants that have been used:

- Sedum
- Purslane
- Rhoeo tri color
- Caladium (mix)
- Wave Petunia
- Begonia
- Moneywort
- Sweet Potato
- Blue Wonder
- Blue Daze
- Spike
- Diamond Frost
- “Euphorbia”
- Fan Flower (pink)
- Fan Flower (blue)
- New Guinea Begonia
- Boug Basket
- Blood Grass

Pictured at right (l-r) : The adorable Scarecrow, made by Teresa Reno and our Residents, Resident Bob Snow, Betsy Honnold, and President & CEO Lindsay Hurley Fick.
Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Saint Simeon’s,

Every year about this time, I like to pass along parts of a report I give twice yearly to the joint meeting of the Boards of Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home and Foundation. Here are some highlights of the Chaplaincy program and activities From the First Sunday in Advent of last year November 27, 2011 through Wednesday Services on May, 2, 2012:

Worship Services

Holy Communion is celebrated on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 1:30 p.m. in the Memory Center; Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:30 a.m. in the Memory Center. Morning Prayer is offered on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Health Care Center.

Some interesting figures: for the period as stated above, we have had 114 services with a total of 2,942 in attendance. For the year we have averaged 128 in attendance each week. This, of course, included special occasions such as Memorial Services, Christmas, and Holy Week services. We also have had Episcopal Churches in the area who have conducted special Vestry (Church Board) meetings or retreats here and have had services in our Chapel as a part of their time together. These services are included as well. Every Christmas and Easter, the Episcopal churches and institutions of the Tulsa Region place an ad in the religion section of the Tulsa World on the prior Saturday, noting service times. The services of the Chapel of Saint Anna at Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home are always listed!

Music in the Chapel: Music is an important part of worship. Jeanette Maxfield serves as our Sunday organist. She often brings vocal and instrumental soloists to sing and play for our services and even works with residents to give them an opportunity to sing an anthem during a service. Recently, Jeanette brought in the Tulsa Silver Hair Brass Quintet. It was wonderful! In addition, she plays at most of the Memorial Services conducted in the Chapel, and we’ve also been blessed to have Karen Stahnope step in as a soloist and pianist at some of these. I play guitar for services in the Memory Center, as well as the weekly Morning Prayer service in the Health Care Center.

Greening of the Chapel: I mentioned that we were planning to do this in my last report. I just wanted to report to you that we had many more residents participate this year, and it went much more smoothly than last year. Many thanks go to Teresa Reno, Becky Ashworth, and Karen Ferguson, all from our Life Enrichment Department, for making this happen!

Bible Study: There are three offerings each week: Tuesday –2:00 p.m. in the Common Room and 3:30 p.m. in the Skyview dining room and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Memory Center. There are usually 6 – 12 attending in the Common Room, 5-10 in the Skyview dining room, and the Memory Center group usually ranges from 15 – 20.
Pastoral Care and Counseling: Pastoral care and counseling are provided as needed and desired. I visit residents and staff in the hospital, and of course, am available day or night for all emergencies. It is my practice to attend the deaths of residents, day or night, when it is possible for me to be there. Special prayers are offered at the time of death for the departed and for any family members who may be present. I also continue to participate in a clergy peer supervision group at the Center for Counseling and Education facilitated by The Rev. Dr. Clyde Glandon.

Employee Benevolent Fund: Through the generosity of contributors and with the assistance of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, a discretionary account has been established which allows me to provide assistance to employees that experience an emergency need. This fund is separate from Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home and is administered by me under the direction of the Comptroller of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma.

Other Duties As Assigned: That catch all phrase which appears in every job description! Here are a few of mine: photograph and make name badges for all employees; photograph all new residents for various medical charts; AV guy – that’s right, I set up the sound system for today!; and most recently, I was promoted from unofficial computer nerd, to official computer nerd with oversight responsibilities for our computer and network maintenance and acquisition.

God’s Blessings to you,
Fr. Bill+
JUNE birthdays

6/1 June McCall  6/20 Jane Wirick
6/4 Robert Axtell  6/22 Eileen Bishop
6/5 Al McCall  6/24 Maxine Dempster
6/6 Rumi Framjee  6/28 Ethel Grigg
6/17 Paula Lowery  6/29 Jane Brennan
6/18 Sally Cordell  6/30 Kathryn Welch
6/19 Marcia Lewis

Welcome
Maxine Anderson
Roger Hill
Elizabeth Thompson

Our new family members!

JUNE RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS
Learn about upcoming events and share your thoughts!
All Residents and family members are always welcome.

Health Care Center
Thurs, 6/28, 10:30 a.m., Garden View Dining

Cottages & 1st Floor Dotson Assisted Living
Tues, 6/26, 10:30 a.m., Deisenroth Bistro

2nd Floor Dotson Assisted Living
Tues, 6/26, 1:15 p.m., Common Room

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

D-Hall Assisted Living
Tues, 6/26, 1:15 p.m., Common Room

Would you like to sign up to
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
Ruth Staudt
Viever Walton

Those Who Have
Graduated from this Life
Saint Simeon’s

ART SHOW

Attention Residents & Family:
We are planning a Resident Art Show in July!

We would love to have any art work produced by Residents at any time during their life, and in any medium (woodwork, needlework, stained glass, paint, pencil, etc.).
Please contact Teresa Reno in Life Enrichment if you have any pieces you would be willing to let us borrow for the day. You can reach Teresa at 918-794-1932.

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