Resident Christmas Parties

Saint Simeon’s Auxiliary invites all Residents and Family Members

Saturday, December 15th
Health Care Center 10:00 a.m., Common Room
Assisted Living 1:30 p.m., Common Room
Memory Center 3:00 p.m., Memory Center Activity Area

Entertainment will include St. Dunstan’s Choir and the Rotary Men of Note Choir & special guests from the North Pole

~ Refreshments ~

For information, please contact: Debbie Reif at (918) 794-1977 or dreif@saintsimeons.org

Special Holiday Meal
December 15, 2012
11:30 Assisted Living
Noon - Memory Center and Health Care Center
Reservations are $5.00 and may be made to Becky Ashwill no later than December 8th at (918) 794-1908
Christmas Tree Decorating Parties

Monday 11/26
1:30 pm in the Game Room
3:30 pm in the Crossroads Parlor

Wednesday 11/28
3:30 pm in the Hille Foyer

Thursday 11/29
9:00 am in the Health Care Center

Friday 11/30
1:30 pm in the Common Room
1:30 pm in the Memory Center

Fall Foliage is here at Saint Simeon’s!
It’s the perfect time to enjoy the peak colors across Tulsa’s Osage Hills.

RSVP EARLY!!!

Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner Meals

Thanksgiving Dinner
$12 per person
Deadline to RSVP is November 15th

Christmas Dinner
$12 per person
Deadline to RSVP is December 18th

Please make your reservations as soon as possible, as we may stop taking reservations prior to the deadlines if capacity is reached.

RSVP to Becky Ashwill at (918) 794-1903
ANNOUNCEMENT: FLU SEASON

Dear Family Members, Visitors, and Guests,

The flu season will soon be upon us.

If you or anyone in your family is experiencing flu-like symptoms, we ask that you not visit Saint Simeon’s until you are well.

Thank you for helping us ensure the well-being of those we treasure at Saint Simeon’s.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Hurley Fick
President / CEO

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE & FRIENDS of the ANIMALS

Saturday, November 10th
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Smith Conference Center

Committee Chairs:
JoAnna Newman & Kathy Hinkle

Committee Chairs:
Bob & Anne Evans
Saint Simeon's Holiday Mini-Mart

featuring
Carol Snyder Florals / Angels
Betty Minton / Tupperware
Ragamuffin Jewelry by Sue Barnes
Stitch in Time Crafts
Katrina’s Korner Variety
Geneva’s Avon

NOVEMBER 13TH
1:00 - 3:30 PM

Dotson Center Assisted Living Lobby,
Bistro, & Living Room
Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Saint Simeon’s,

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest. Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29-31, NRSV

In my personal experience as well as my experience with others, I find that we’re pretty much on board with the command to love God completely and to love our neighbor. That last little bit that’s tagged on to loving our neighbor, “as yourself,” is a bit problematic for us. Notice Jesus doesn’t say that you are to love your neighbor more than yourself; nor does he simply say “love your neighbor.” Jesus adds the qualifier “as yourself.” You are to love both your neighbor and yourself equally. The sense of the phrase is that love of self is already taking place as you begin to love your neighbor.

This love of self is not narcissism. It is the appropriate response to knowing oneself as a beloved child of God. It is getting that sense of knowing yourself as God knows you – created in God’s image, pure and pristine love.

Of course, the vast majority of us do not know ourselves in this way. We understand ourselves to be weak, vulnerable, in need of protecting ourselves and certain that everyone else is potentially trying to do us harm. So we live in fear. We are afraid of being wrong. We are afraid of not fitting in. We are afraid of not being accepted. We are afraid of not being loved. We are afraid of being hurt. We are afraid of dying. Feel free to list all the fears you can think of – they are legion.

When we have God’s love for our own selves, we no longer fear anything. We see others in the same way as we see ourselves, as beautiful children of the living love that is God. We have compassion for others, knowing that they are only doing what they do out of fear, as we did. We live in a continuing state of peace and joy, feeling at one with God and with all others. Sounds pretty good, doesn’t it? The wondrous thing is that, apparently, this is the way we were intended to live in the first place, and we still can.

Begin by not accepting as truth all those voices from the past that sing the same old tired chorus in your head about not being good enough. Of course you’re good enough. You were created in and through the love of God – what could be more “good” than that? You love God fully when you accept the truth that at the core of your being, you are love because you are loved by God. You love God fully when you accept the truth that the same is true for everyone else. Or, to paraphrase Jesus, love the Lord your God with your all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. On these truths rest all the wisdom of the ages (the Law and the Prophets).

God’s Blessings to you,
Fr. Bill+
Day of Remembrance Memorial Service
November 1, 2012
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
The Common Room

Please join us as we celebrate the lives of these friends and Residents
who have passed away in the last year.

George Morris
Gene Payne
Frieda Schuman
Katheryn Hooper
Jeanette Wolfe
Mark Kachigian
Richard Sewell
Elizabeth Gowans
Johnny Howerton
Jean Stokes
Vi Walton
Phyllis Stoermer
Bonnie Krupnick
Mary Ashby
Savella Sutton

Jean Ford
Jennie Clausing
Denise Austin
Lorene Fisher
Pam Berry
Bernice Fields
Alice Simon
Michala Miller
Stan Markwardt
Cordella Craig
Ruth Johnson
Blanche Purgason
Lenora Myrick
Elizabeth Thompson
Fayetta Vogle
November

birthdays

11/2   Stella Hanesworth  11/9   Elizabeth Turnbull  11/22   Ed Buddrus
11/2   Evelyn Patterson   11/10  Nan Balman            11/25   Charlotte Stewart
11/5   Guy Duren          11/14  David Maher           11/27   Carl Smith
11/6   Virginia Fast      11/16  James Smith          11/29   Margery Hutson
11/6   Johnie Mitchell    11/17  Hazel Richardson     11/30   Juanita Gibson
11/8   Craig Doennecke    11/19  Florence Katz
11/9   Rebecca King       11/21  Charles Howard

Welcome

John Conway, Jr.          Dick Momme
Claudine Duren            Rita Momme
Guy Duren                Ruth Ward
Jerome Lyons             James Wells

Our new family members!

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

Health Care Center
Thurs, 11/29, 10:30 a.m., Garden View Dining

Cottages & 1st Floor Dotson Assisted Living
Tues, 11/27, 10:30 a.m., Deisenroth Bistro

2nd Floor Dotson Assisted Living
Tues, 11/27, 1:15 p.m., Game Room

Memory Center
Thurs, 11/29, 3 p.m., Home 6

D-Hall Assisted Living
Tues, 11/29, 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

Richard Tomasi
Fayetta Vogle

Those Who Have Graduated from this Life
Saint Simeon’s Episcopal Home
3701 North Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Tulsa, OK  74106-1599

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, 11/15 - 3 p.m. in the Bistro

Games, conversation and camaraderie on the third Thursday of each month.

For more information, contact:
Tadd Weese (tweese@saintsimeons.org)
Father Holly (bholly@saintsimeons.org)
David DuBois (ddubois@saintsimeons.org)

Men’s Social Club

The beauty shops in Assisted Living and the Health Care Center will be closed the Friday after Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year’s Week. Shay will see her clients on Sunday, December 30th. She will be working with all Residents to arrange their appointments for those two days so they will look their best for the holidays.
August 18, 2012 was an amazing day! The celebration began with a true cowboy lunch of prime rib. Vocalist Sabina Bourland offered Patsy Cline standards in Patsy’s signature style, and the Cherokee National Youth Choir, directed by Mary Kay Henderson, visited from Tahlequah. Residents, friends and family members had a wonderful time!

Pictured, clockwise from top: 2012 Western Days Chairs Margaret and Ross Swimmer, and the Cherokee National Youth Choir; Janet Allen, daughter of the late Ruth Staudt; Simone, our Golden Retriever therapy pet; and Jim Gustine, Sabina Bourland, and Nancy Gustine.
On Tuesday, September 11, Western Days 2012: Spirit of the West! raised $575,000 for capital improvements at Saint Simeon’s!

Event Chairs Margaret and Ross Swimmer led the effort, along with Patron Chairs Jane and Lowell Faulkenberry, and Advisory Chairs Phyllis and George Dotson. The Robert Lyon Family, represented by Patsy Lyon and Rob Lyon, Jr. were celebrated as Honorary Chairs.

To the more than 700 supporters who attended this event, and the wonderfully supportive patrons and sponsors listed on the next two pages, we thank you for your overwhelming generosity.
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