2017 was a great year at Saint Simeon’s!
Many new Residents joined our community this year. We celebrated throughout the year with events like the Mardi Gras parade, the Sweethearts’ Dinner, Ice Cream Social, and the biggest party of all: Western Days.

Turn the page to read about our improvements on campus!
“When it comes to people and their money, they aren’t always as calm as we know them to be otherwise. Mariela assists each person with a great deal of patience and kindness. In addition to being so great with families, Mariela is an amazing coworker! She is always positive with a big smile on her face. If you are having a bad day, she is the first one to give you a hug or get you a special little treat to make you feel better!

Saint Simeon’s is so lucky to have someone with such an infectious smile and a great attitude while working in such a difficult department! Thank you, Mariela, for being such a great coworker and showing compassion to our Residents and families every day!” — Amy Mattox

“I started working at Saint Simeon’s in December 2014, and I love my job and the challenge that comes with it! I am in charge of accounts receivable – all payments that come in, taking care of Residents’ bills, reconciliation, data entry and more! I try to really research charges to Residents especially because I never want to charge someone something they don’t owe.

I love working at Saint Simeon’s because of the people – both the Residents and my coworkers. Everyone in the Accounting Department is great.

Before coming to Saint Simeon’s, I was at Utility Tri State and Braden before that. I love taking on challenges in my work. Because of a challenge I took on at Braden, I was promoted to manage accounts receivable.

I was born in Mexico and moved here with my family when I was 5. My grandpa was a mariachi and actually moved to Tulsa to be a mariachi at Casa Bonita. We moved here to be closer to him.

I grew up in Tulsa and graduated from Rogers High School. I have one son who is 19 and one daughter who is 12. My daughter attends Carver Middle School. She’s a bookworm and is very smart.
In my free time, I love dancing and Zumba. My friend is a Zumba instructor, so I go to classes multiple times a week. I like to keep active.

I also enjoy hanging out with friends, going out to eat, going to concerts, and karaoke.

I travel to Mexico and Dallas pretty regularly. One of my sisters lives in Mexico with her husband, and two of my sisters live in Dallas, so we go visit them.”

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Thanks to generous capital support from the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, Saint Simeon’s was able to make extensive repairs and replacements in the Common Room/Chapel area and install a new generator.

Thanks for a great 2017! We’re anticipating a wonderful 2018!
Saint Simeon and Saint Anna

From time to time I am asked the question: “Who was Saint Simeon?” It seems good to revisit our Patron Saint’s history every other year at this time, as there are always new folks who are interested.

There are a few folks with the name “Simeon” in the Old and New Testaments. Most notably, in the Old Testament, is Simeon, the second son of Jacob by Leah. His descendants become the Tribe of Simeon, one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. However, this is not the Simeon for whom our home is named.

We find our Simeon in the Gospel according to Saint Luke (2:22-40). Luke tells us of a man living in Jerusalem, “righteous and devout,” upon whom the Holy Spirit rested. Now it had been revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. One day, he felt compelled to go to the Temple in Jerusalem. There he saw Mary, Joseph, and the child, Jesus. They were there to present Jesus in the Temple; for as the firstborn son he was considered holy to God. Simeon took the child in his arms and began saying the prayer we know today as the Song of Simeon:

“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”

(LUKE 2:29-32, KJV).

Simeon then spoke to Mary about the role of her son, which would include suffering, and he said these ominous words, “a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Also a part of this story is Anna, an eighty-four year old widow and prophet. She spent all her time in the temple worshiping God with prayer and fasting. She saw the child and, like Simeon, began to praise God, proclaiming that Jesus would be the redemption of Israel.

After this story, we hear no more about either Simeon or Anna. We just know that following the birth of Jesus, there were these two faithful, older people, filled with God’s grace, who had been given the wisdom to recognize and proclaim God’s great gift to the world.

Our home is named after Saint Simeon and our Chapel bears the name of Saint Anna. We are reminded that just as God fulfilled his promise to Simeon, so also we wait, trusting in God’s promises made in Jesus. And like Saint Anna, our Chapel is open day and night for all to worship, pray, or just sit and be with God.

God’s Peace be with you,
Fr. Bill Holly †
January and February are two of the “quietest” months as far as plants growing. But not everything of interest in our landscape is alive. We also have several things that always look their best, even in the winter!

First stop could be the Turtle Garden next to the Chapel. Most obvious are the 47 ceramic, glass, wood, rock, etc. turtles. See if you can find them all. Note that their orderly line is disrupted almost every night by raccoons apparently having a hootenanny. Also here are two Garden Deva sculptures. The pyramid-shaped one honors Judy Lawson’s term as President of the Auxiliary. If you look closely, you can find her name and dates cut into the metal. The other Garden Deva figure (a girl) is there in memory of Resident Ann Leander and says, “Follow Love.” Lastly is the concrete Fairy Garden, which currently features a snowy scene.

Next stop is the Gazebo courtyard. Our newest arrival is a metal sculpture of a lizard climbing up the north wall (E-Hall). Resident Adora Smithen and her son Philip donated it. They know the artist in New Mexico. The lizard even has a name — Lilly the Lizard.

The Butterfly Garden created in honor of former Resident Marilyn Lane by her husband Don Lane, in this same courtyard, has several things to see. Most prominent, of course, is the metal butterfly bench from Garden Deva. To really appreciate it, you need to be outside and view it from the front. Three other things of interest in that garden can be viewed from the hall. One is from Tulsa’s Wild Birds Unlimited and is called “Drunken Dragonfly” (it moves in a breeze). The other is from the St. Louis Botanical Garden and is a rain bucket with a rather large crystal drop always just about to drop into the bucket. There is also a large antique metal butterfly, a gift from former Resident Betty Sposato.

The Memory Center Courtyard has several Garden Deva sculptures, both on the patio and the patio wall. The Reflections Courtyard has a life-size bronze sculpture located in the pond created by Rosalind Cook titled “The Bird Feeder.” Note the various animals around the pond and waterfall — a duck, squirrel, and rabbit.

In that same courtyard is our perennial garden, home to a sundial and several small concrete rabbits. It was donated by Merrill Tyler in memory of her mother, Barbara Kelham.

Oxley Circle has the beautiful sculpture of a bench with two children sitting on it donated by Anita Robards. Finally, have you seen the granite boulder in front of the Administration Entrance that A.J. and Arlene Shields provided to commemorate Oklahoma’s first 100 years as a state. Be sure and read the inscription.
Thank you, Boy Scouts!

Saint Simeon’s now has a compost bin! The bin was installed by a Boy Scouts troop. The bin is next to the Roots n’ Shoots Shed, which is located just outside of the Common Room in Eckel Park. Saint Simeon’s became connected with this troop through Resident Eugene Kerr. His grandson was a member of the troop, and he did his Eagle Project here – our raised Herb Garden.

WINTER WONDERLAND TEA

The Christmas Tea with Santa had to be postponed and will now be Winter Wonderland Tea on Friday, January 12 at 2:30 in the downstairs Dotson Dining Room. We will have sweets and savories and musical entertainment. Reservations are requested. Call Attrell at 794-1903.
ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

JANUARY MEETING:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
6:00-7:30 PM.
Please RSVP by January 22:
918-794-1945.

FEBRUARY MEETING:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
6:00-7:30 PM.
Please RSVP by February 16:
918-794-1945.

REMINDER:
The Quill is now
B1-MONTHLY.

Find Activities Calendars online!
As we shared in the December Quill,
The Quill will now be printed every
other month in an effort to cut costs.
Residents will continue to receive
printed Activity Calendars every
month. If you are a family member
of friend of a Resident and would
like to view the Activity Calendars,
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Joan Carpenter    Viola Rowland
Edwin Olson       Freddia Wilson
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WE REMEMBER
IN OUR PRAYERS
Peggy Cardwell
Jimmie Dozier
Oran Fairchild
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Lunch & Learn
“Inspiring Hope in Parkinson Disease Treatment”
Featuring Syed Hussain, MD,
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Thursday, January 11
12:00 p.m.
Free. Please RSVP
by Jan. 8 to 918-794-1945.
Saint Simeon’s
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JANUARY & FEBRUARY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peggy Cardwell            Jan. 2
Doris Stanton             Jan. 2
Allen Ott                 Jan. 3
Rose Gillig               Jan. 3
Robert McGuire            Jan. 6
Adele Garren              Jan. 7
Ray Bingham               Jan. 7
Joan Maggie               Jan. 15
Freddia Wilson            Jan. 15
Geraldine Yoakley         Jan. 17
Viola Rowland             Jan. 18
George Carver             Jan. 19
Arling Christensen        Jan. 22
Bishop William Cox        Jan. 24
Virginia Franklin          Jan. 25
David Deffenbaugh         Jan. 27
Delores Betz              Jan. 27
Tom Mason                 Feb. 2
Jean Saylor               Feb. 4
Johnnie Standridge        Feb. 4
Marjorie Olson            Feb. 6
Lois Fick                 Feb. 7
Roy Adams Jr.             Feb. 8
Henrietta Daniel          Feb. 9
Adora Smithen             Feb. 16
Elizabeth McWha           Feb. 19
Dorothy Findley           Feb. 19
Eleanor Gillock           Feb. 23
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SUNDAY, FEB. 25

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