Quill of the Hill
Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Saint Simeon’s,

Think outside the box! For about 20 years now, this has been a popular phrase in corporate lingo and more recently in contemporary societal speech. We are often encouraged to come up with new ideas and new ways of doing things by “thinking outside the box.” This means that the boundaries that we have always observed, we now should look beyond as we consider solutions to problems. It means we are being asked to look beyond the “but we’ve always done it this way” mindset and begin to construct a world view in which things might be done differently.

Of course, this is the essence of creativity. No invention or discovery, no advancement of any kind, can take place until we look beyond the boundaries of what is. No lightbulb, automobile, or airplane would exist unless there were people who could see a world not confined to only fire, animal power, or the effects of gravity. Someone had to say, “I can envision a world in which it doesn’t have to be that way!” Someone had to pull off the blinders and see the full landscape of possibilities!

This doesn’t necessarily mean that the way we always did it before was bad or needs to be thrown away. I’m a big proponent of tradition. I belong to a Christian tradition that believes very strongly in bringing the traditions of our faith ancestors forward so that every new generation may benefit from the wisdom, grace and beauty of the past. Yet, those same traditions of our ancestors were once very new ways of seeing the world in which we live and understanding the work of God. It is also true that along the way, there have been modifications to those traditions that were necessary as we continued to grow in our understanding.

This is true in all aspects of life. We always will need to think outside the box so that we continue to meet the changing conditions and needs of our lives, our society, and our world. We will always need that perspective, that way of imagining what could be, that provides the nurturing space for a creative spark to bring imagination into reality. All of us are called to that work, whether it be to provide the creative ideas, to implement those ideas, or even to simply allow them to be and support those who may be tasked to create and implement. We all need to be ready and willing to think outside the box!

May God grant each of you the ability and willingness to be open to, and perhaps even to explore, new ways of looking at old things.

Blessings to you,
Fr. Bill Holly †
THANK YOU
for a Successful Western Days 2018:
Wear Your Boots to Celebrate Our Roots

The 22nd Western Days is in the record books! Thank you to the many donors and friends who have generously supported Saint Simeon’s through the Western Days annual fundraiser. Western Days 2018: Wear Your Boots to Celebrate Our Roots was held Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at Cox Business Center in Tulsa.

Lisa and Tom Schooley, Event Chairs for Western Days 2018, created a memorable event, with Barbara and John Turner serving as Patron Chairs and Melissa and Mac Stallcup serving as Auction Chairs.

We celebrated the leadership and service of Phyllis and Steve Anderson as Honorary Chairs for Western Days 2018. The Andersons are dedicated friends of Saint Simeon’s and avid supporters of Western Days. Steve has served on the Saint Simeon’s Foundation board, and Phyllis and Steve have both been supporting Western Days for more than a decade.

At Western Days 2018: Wear Your Boots to Celebrate our Roots, the Pioneer Spirit Award was presented to Saint Simeon’s Resident Tom Mason. Tom left quite an impression on Tulsa during his 45-year law career. He was more than just an advocate for his clients; he became one of their greatest confidantes.

One of Tom’s greatest struggles in life has been developing Parkinson’s disease, which he was diagnosed with 24 years ago. Saint Simeon’s applauds Tom Mason for his courage to battle his Parkinson’s daily through consistent exercise and care from specially-trained staff members at Saint Simeon’s. Tom has been instrumental in the creation of Saint Simeon’s Parkinson’s Care Program. We are thankful for his guidance and ideas.

Western Days 2018: Wear Your Boots to Celebrate our Roots featured a marvelous Silent Auction, as well as the always animated Live Auction. The evening included the eagerly anticipated General Store stocked with handmade items from Saint Simeon’s Residents and volunteers, and of course, a delicious dinner. The winner of the Western Mule Raffle was Kent Van Valkenburgh. The winner of a gift certificate was Kay Herring. Be sure to congratulate them both!
Lorretta Crawford has worked for Saint Simeon’s for 2 years. She loves helping and working with the residents and making their lives better. She grew up in Arkansas City, Kansas. She attended high school in Arkansas City as well. She started working with handicapped children then helped her grandmother with her care and daily living. Her grandmother lived with Lorretta and she helped with her family’s care. They then reversed the roles. Lorretta treats all resident’s as if they were her grandmother.

Lorretta’s dad was a police officer, her mom worked in the hospital and her sister was a nurse. Lorretta has 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren. All of whom live in the area. Lorretta’s 87 year old mother now lives with her and they all take care of each other. Lorretta likes to plant and work in the garden, she also enjoys spending time with family. She loves to take her grandkids out. Recently she took all 4 of her grandkids to Silver Dollar City in Branson. They rode the ducks, saw magic shows, went swimming, rode go carts and had cook outs. She said that they had a blast!

“I wanted to convey my appreciation for the extra effort of Lorretta in ALP. Dub wanted to make our 53rd anniversary special so he asked Lorretta to help with a special table for this dinner. She gathered some flowers, set the table with a linen cloth and special glasses. It was a beautiful moment and memory that will be cherished as we view the photo again and again. I hope you know what a great staff you have in ALP!”

~Dub and Sandy Major
GETTING TO KNOW

Ashley Ervin
UNIT CLERK/CMA/CNA, ASSISTED LIVING

Ashley Ervin has worked for Saint Simeon’s for 4 years. She likes everything about Saint Simeon’s. From the residents, the environment and the staff. She believes that it’s a blessing to be at Saint Simeon’s. She grew up in Tulsa and went to Union High School. She has been working as a CNA since she was 18 years old and CMA since I was 19. Ashley’s grandmother was an RN and that is what led her to the medical field.

Ashley and her husband have 4 boys, ages 17, 16, 12, 7. Stanley works for the Morrison Group at Saint Simeon’s. Their oldest is graduating high school and they are very proud of him. Their 16 and 12 year old play football. They enjoy attending their football games and spending time with the family.

“Pat P. was returning to her cottage and fell; the Ervin’s were coming back from break and saw her lying on the sidewalk. Ashley immediately called nursing staff and Stanley ran to get ice, towels etc. and they assisted staff until medical help arrived. It was midday, so temperature was high.”

~Marie Millar, Friend of Resident
2018 Walk to End Alzheimer’s

The 2018 Walk to END Alzheimer’s was held on Saturday, September 15th.

Committee Chair members, Charlie Redding and Katie Huebsch, both of Saint Simeon’s, participated in BANK Days at On the Border. Bank Days allowed those who had pre-registered an opportunity to come by early and pick up their team captain packets and shirts.

Our very own Simone stopped by our booth on walk day as she and her new-found friend, Nancy, took time to show their support to our team.

Saint Simeon’s has raised over $3,500 towards fundraising for the Alzheimer’s Association. Thank you to everyone who has helped support our efforts.

CMSA of Eastern OK

Thank you to Tadd Weese, Director of Operations at Saint Simeon’s for putting a team together to help support the Case Management Society of America, Eastern Oklahoma Chapter.

CMSA helps provide support and education to case managers and other healthcare related professionals that support the case management industry.

Charlie Redding, Director of Community Relations, took time away from his booth to pose with Rose Rock Healthcare as they provided bottled water to those out on the course.
Saint Simeon’s hosted the Parkinson’s Foundation Caregiver lunch on Wednesday, September 19th.

Bruce Mcyntire and Richard McCutchen with the Foundation were gracious enough to bring in a national speaker, Denise Brown. Denise is the founder and current owner of Caregiving.com, created in 1996. Our own Dr. Mary Nole, Ph.D. also spoke at the event.

Saint Simeon’s is proud to offer specific Parkinson’s programs and education to its residents and family members.

**November:**
- Evelyn Patterson 11/2
- Sharon Wallace 11/2
- Maryann Beene 11/4
- David Allen 11/5
- James Cobb 11/5
- Peggy Koch 11/6
- Betty McGowan 11/6
- Gail Hardy 11/7
- Craig Doennecke 11/8
- Ray Turner 11/8
- Nan Balman 11/10
- Anita Robards 11/12
- Doc Bones 11/15
- John Shields 11/21

**December:**
- Otto Doner 12/6
- Joe Brown 12/12
- David McCabe 12/10
- Maryann Whisnant 12/15
- Emma Baker 12/16
- Dane Matthews 12/19
- AnnaLou Harris 12/22
- Betty Shields 12/22
- Thomas Blake 12/27
- Karla George 12/31

**Admissions:**
- Rosie Brown
- Elizabeth Blue
- Sandra Falkensten
- Frances Moore
- Dub Majors
- Lyn Schmigle
- Mac Stallcup
- Darrell Caudill
- Donna English
- Elizabeth Spragg
- Sharon Wallace
- Maryann Whisnant
- Jane Aker
- Maryann Beene
- Glenn Brumbaugh
- Helen Erickson
- Ed Henson
- Bobby Keown
- Kate Morrissey
- Ray Turner

**Deaths:**
- Rosanne Edwards
- Roy Adams
- Charles Evans
- Emma Herndon
- Gene Ker
- Katherine Mills
- John Conway
- Carolyn Plucknett
- Edythe Schroeder
- Kenneth Waters
Saint Simeon’s Residents’ Christmas Parties

Healthcare Center
Saturday, December 8, 2018
10:30 AM
Common Room
Gathan Graham, Vocals and piano
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Memory Center
Saturday, December 8, 2018
1:30 PM
Memory Center
Gathan Graham, Vocals and piano
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Assisted Living & Assisted Living Plus
Friday, December 14, 2018
2:30 PM
Common Room
Rick Fortner, Piano
Nolan Randza, Flute
TEA AND REFRESHMENTS