



# PALM VILLAGER

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## Appointee of US Presidents will Cook at Cinnamon Jamboree

*The theme of the Cinnamon Jamboree is great food, fun, and fabulous fellowship for the benefit of our Living Legacy Fund.*

**T**his year we are thrilled to add a noon hour cooking demonstration by renowned Chef Mike Ratzlaff as a special feature at our Cinnamon Jamboree, in keeping with the theme of great foods that reflect our diverse culture.

Mike is the son of the late Orly and Dorothy Ratzlaff of Reedley. He is a graduate of Reedley High School (1973), and the Culinary Institute of America, in Hyde Park, New York.




Mike worked for approximately 12 years as a political appointment of Presidents George H.W. Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush, as the Steward to the Secretary of Education. He has enjoyed cooking for many dignitaries in this government role as well as being part of a travel team in both the Bush and Clinton administrations.

The influences that effected Mike's decision to become a chef were local. The recipes that he enjoyed from the extended Vogt and Ratzlaff clans from which he hails, to his many travels as part of government service are part of his cooking repertoire.

Our Cinnamon Jamboree theme of enjoying the various menus of a variety of local restaurants will be

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incorporated by Mike as he combines some of what's new and old in cooking. He will use his mother's recipe for a lemon meringue pie, and the special zwieback recipe from his family that he still uses in many catering events in Washington D.C. The main entree will be a delicious seafood pasta that is his own unique creation.

Special seating for the demonstration and then the privilege of enjoying the full meal that Mike prepares for you is available for \$150.00 per seat or \$1000 per table. Seating is limited so we encourage you to reserve yours immediately.

Cinnamon Jamboree attendees may also just watch the demonstration and purchase recipes used on this day. Whatever your choice, it will be a time of cooking inspiration! Bon Appetit!





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By Charles Buller, M. Div

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Last year at this same time 612 donors had contributed \$318,000. Palm Village is grateful for the growing number of donors who support our mission of providing “graceful retirement living” on our beautiful campus. Please help us to reach our goal of giving \$500,000 this year for the needs of our residents.

We have enclosed an envelope to encourage your donation. Or even more simple, please visit [www.palmvillage.org](http://www.palmvillage.org) to make a donation online.

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# Cinnamon Jamboree

## Family Carnival

Saturday, Oct. 4th, 10 AM - 2 PM

Palm Village Retirement Community,  
703 W. Herbert Avenue, Reedley

Delicious local food from Brooks Ranch, Main Street Cafe, Sal's, Melinda's Place, Papa Murphy's, Jon's Bear Club, El Rincon De America and Sansei Japanese Restaurant, plus great desserts!



Served with coffee at 8 AM

Bounce House and other entertainment for the kids

Proceeds from this great family event go to the Living Legacy Fund which provides for residents who have outlived their resources.



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