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SPRING HAS SPRUNG: THE “LIVING” LEGACY

There is a story we tell in Reedley, each year at this time. It is the story of spring. It's truly a “Living Legacy”. Pollinated blossom trails give way to leaves on trees and fruit buds maturing into actual pieces of potential harvest.

Soon there are thinning crews in orchards of all kinds, and the ground is littered with fruit that will give way to the potential larger and more profitable yields, and more edible,

sweet peaches, plums, nectarines, and much more that makes this valley come alive with the good tastes of harvest.

Yet, alongside that story, we watch the storm clouds grow and wonder if it will hail as the fruit begins to take shape on the trees. As dark clouds sometimes gather, and rain turns to hail, we hear the “boom, boom, boom” of hail cannons trying to minimize the potential damage. By around mid-May, this season of spring and uncertainty yields to our summer, and the fruit begins to be packaged and shipped around the world.

These cycles have been going on around Reedley and surrounding areas for the better part of 100 years. It is an incredible time of risk, growth and change that also usually coincides with Easter. Dormancy, gives way to life. It's an old story, repeated and experienced over and over again. We gladly keep showing up for it!

At Palm Village, we also enjoy our own seasons and cycles that coincide with those



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we live around. Our facility takes on the new life of the colors of spring. Our residents are seen outside more frequently taking walks, enjoying the sunshine and soaking in another year’s season of new life.

The beauty of working with those in their senior years is the realization that no one ever gets tired of spring, regardless of how long one lives. I have yet to meet anyone who says, “...I sure wish spring would hurry along so that we could have the heat of summer...”!

Alongside these beautiful days are some of our own storm clouds and hail cannons. State government threatens cuts, delivery systems for senior care undergoes constant change, the budget debate in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento drags on like snails in our gardens looking for bright flowers to devour. Yet, our residents continue their healthy lives at their home called Palm Village and expect us to deliver on our promises and provide a harvest for their retired years. And we do.

Your help at this time of the year is much appreciated. We honor this time of spring and harvest with a feast called the guest chef dinner. This year it took place on April 7th at the new Kitchen/Dining facility of the Reedley, MB Church. Over 225 people (which is a record for us!) were present for a meal prepared by David Vartanian, of the Vintage Press of Visalia. David helped us celebrate the Living Legacy of Palm Village with a bountiful menu of incredible hors d’oeuvre of dates, almonds and local vegetables, white bean soup, pear and pecan salad, pork tenderloin with potatoes au gratin, carrots and aspara-



gus, nine-grain rolls and a delicious dessert of almond Tuille filled with ice cream and fresh fruit! It was a bountiful harvest indeed and was a complete Spring Spectacular of Food.

Thanks to those of you who helped us raise nearly \$30,000 for our Living Legacy fund that evening.

To enjoy some of the highlights of the dinner please look at a video posted at:

www.palmvillage.com/dinner



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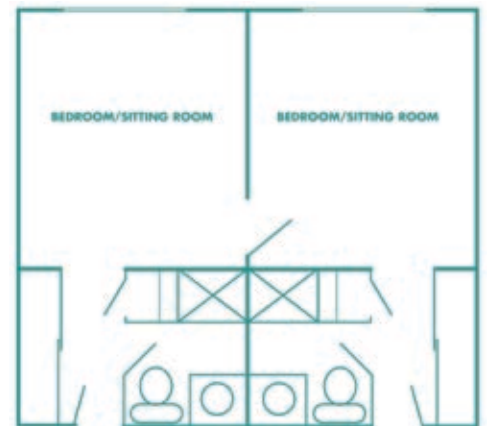
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For the last several months, we have been interviewing residents and their families so we could have personal stories for articles in the local newspaper. Here are some excerpts from those articles.

"We looked at other facilities and after several interviews, it became obvious that Palm Village was a loving retirement community for Mom."

– Resident's daughter

"Now that we live here, I never think about my age. We jump for joy for our lifestyle here. We wish we had moved here sooner!"

– Palm Village Resident

"With the encouragement of a family doctor, the decision was made that assisted living would surely be a blessing for all of us."

– Resident's daughter

"I live at a place where I am well taken care of, and I really enjoy living here."

– Palm Village Resident



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