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A CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT PALM VILLAGE!

For many years now, the excellent activities and personal care teams at Palm Village have hosted a Fourth of July Celebration that includes All-American menus and fireworks. **Norma Froese, Nellie Molina** and the **Tena Family** deserve special thanks and recognition for once again making this a great party on Friday, July 1, 2011.

With the additional generosity of some donors, The Living Legacy Team added a Tri-Tip dinner and many extra fireworks. It was a full day of activities that also saw our residents contribute nearly \$5,000 to Living Legacy!

One of the new features was a patriotic reading by four residents, **Grace Thiesen, Marcella Jones, Barbara Miller**, joined by **Joyce Warkentin** playing accordion. It was a moving tribute to the freedom and independence that has been granted to us by God in these United States of America. Of our nearly 300 residents, many have served our country as Veterans and through alternative forms of service. "The Greatest Generation" and

their love of God and Country are well evidenced at Palm Village, and especially at this annual event. The day-long celebration which ends with a full firework display in the "cement garden" is another

Living the Legacy

of those privileges our residents enjoy at PVRC.

We like to say that Living Legacy not only helps those who through no fault of their own outlive their financial resources, but also helps every resident to live the legacy of dignified retirement living in a tradition of care that the Mennonite Brethren Church has emphasized for over 70 years.

We want to thank the 320 donors who have made contributions of well over \$80,000 in this budget year. With the Fall Jamboree just around the corner on

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October 1, 2011, as well as our annual staff Christmas fund and year-end giving, we hope to reach our annual goal of \$200,000 for Living Legacy. Remember that the most cost effective way to contribute to Palm Village is through our donor web site at Palmvillage.org. Our donor website has recently been redesigned along with the re-design of Palmvillage.com. Check us out there and help our residents Live the Legacy at Palm Village.

In case you wonder whether your gifts make a difference, consider that through gifts that average approximately \$150.00 per donor, per year, we have raised over \$3,000,000 since Living Legacy began.



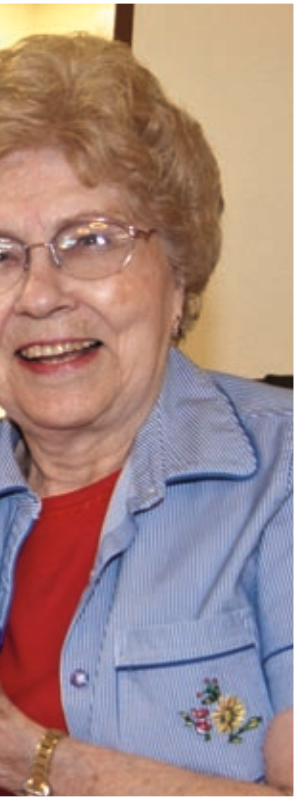
Happy

Birthday

As an organization, this has helped enable our “day’s cash on hand” to rise from 45 days just four years ago to over 134 days in 2011. When you consider that it costs Palm Village approximately \$30,000 per day to offer some of the finest care in the Central Valley, you can know that your gifts make an enormous difference. Thank you for your partnership in our mission of providing dignified care to seniors! We seek to live the legacy here 365 days per year.



*Article by Charles Buller, M. Div
Palm Village Vice-President
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A great time for all at Palm Village's 4th of July Party: (clockwise from upper right) *Dorothy Nickel* and *Grace Thiessen* fill out the Patriotic Trivia quiz; Residents share a laugh with PVRC Administrator *Bill Scharbach*; *Barbara Miller*, *Grace Thiessen* and *Marcella Jones* were joined by *Joyce Warkentin* (inset) for a patriotic reading; *Alice Camp* and *Wanda Kroeker* have some fun with an Uncle Sam doll that provided plenty of chuckles.



July, America!



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New Options to be Offered in Assisted Living

Palm Village is developing Assisted Living Memory Care within the current Palm Village Retirement Community campus. We plan to have Assisted Living Memory Care suites available for occupancy before the end of 2011.

*Contact Jim Dueck at (559) 638-6933
or (800) 928-6545 for details.*

Palm Village...where Family Matters!

Fall Jamboree

Saturday, October 1st, 10 AM - 1 PM

A fun family event to benefit Living Legacy

Donations Appreciated

BRUNCH MENU

from Palm Village Chef and Culinary Staff.

New this year - Omelette Bar, with a variety of delectable choices, plus pastries from Eddie's Bakery, Cinnabon, Panera and Uncle Harry's Bagels.

BOUNCE HOUSE

and other entertainment for the kids

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Petting Zoo fun with four generations!

Our most recent guests at Palm Village brought great joy to a gathering of 4 generations. Residents and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were “greeted” by a Donkey, Goat, Duck, Zebra, Skunk, Wolf, and Pony brought to the campus by Kristal Oliver.

The farm animals helped many residents reminisce about their childhood days on the farms where they lived. And although some were hesitant to

pet the skunk, once it was revealed that it had been descended and was actually an indoor pet, most enjoyed the unique opportunity to interact with the skunk.

The animals willingly posed for photos with the residents and the common question from the residents and their guests who talked about the great time they were having was, “Will the animals visit again?”



Animals of all shapes, sizes and stripes: (clockwise from upper left) *Wanda Kroeker* pets the skunk (a housepet that had been descended) being held by Mr. Oliver; Several children enjoyed the petting zoo; *Rusty Thiesen* says hello to the zebra.

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Assisted Living Residents:

Tailgate Party at Barbara's
September 1 in the evening

Get out and see the countryside!
Two evening rides
September 6 & 20

Kings River Quilt Festival
in Reedley, September 24



Patio Home Residents:

Bluegrass in the Park in Clovis, September 9
Picnic at Grant's Grove, September 13
Reedley Night Out block parties, September 29
Caruthers Fair, September 30

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