

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

At the April meeting of the Willow Creek Terrace Board, members bid farewell to Renee Devin, who has served as a board member since the 1998 vision of an assisted-living facility became a reality in 2002, a facility that will celebrate 10 years of operation this October.

At this same meeting, board members discussed the fact that seven couples have lived at the Terrace at different times during these 10 years. Members agree that this fact points to a need in our community for one-bedroom apartments, to better accommodate two individuals. Consequently, Manager George Nairns now has her work cut out for her: search for ideas and cost estimates on two additional apartments, from

construction designers and building contractors. She reports that questions and ideas will be welcomed at 541-676-0004.

April showers have also had their work cut out for them at Willow Creek Terrace, and the residents continue to view these showers as critical to the Terrace's plan for food and flowers.

Thanks to George Sieler, the garden spot is now ready for planting. In fact, George completed his volunteered rototilling of the large space just in time for Bud Batty and Manager Nairns to get the red, white and russet potatoes into the ground. Lois Allen joined them when they continued planting, this time sweet onions. Gradually, other seeds and starts will increase the size of the garden, and many donors

have already reported that they will share some of their vegetable starts with the Terrace.

Several of the ladies, both residents and staff, also dug in the dirt when they planted flower seeds in the back flowerbeds last Friday. Hopes are high of a cacophony of colors and flavors as spring merges into summer and then into fall. Produce will supplement the menus at mealtime and help stock the freezer for the winter. Flowering plants will fill in the back beds and supply a nice variety for the front and side planters.

With the return of spring plants comes many birds, and the residents are enjoying their opportunities to view and identify the increasing variety of species that share their feeders or argue over ownerships of the feeders. The newest resident on the Hill is Vernon Cecil, who delights in bird watching so much that he brought a birdbath and birdfeeders with him from La Grande. Vernon once lived in Heppner, so he is returning to familiar country and is now almost

next door to his niece, Jan Stroeber.

And speaking of doors...residents, visitors and staff all seem to "Love the door!" The new, automatic opener on the front door is making life so much easier for everyone. Manager Nairns agreed that this late realization of something that should have been obvious resembles an "I could have had a V8!" moment. Every day, the hands-free entrance proves its usefulness.

The one room available at the Terrace for respite care continues to prove useful, also. Presently, Nona Grace is a temporary neighbor in the Terrace, as she completes some physical therapy with a therapist who comes to the Terrace to work with her. Most likely, Nona will be in respite care when she celebrates her birthday on May 7. This occasion gives her neighbors another birthday lunch to look forward to. On April 20, they enjoyed helping Dean Gilman celebrate his special day, the day he turned 91.

Dean's birthday added to the list of April

events in which residents participated. The month began with Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter—all important to many of the residents, some of whom attended local services. April Fools' Day and Tongue-Twister Day added a little tension on April 1, though, because one didn't know who might pull a joke or who might cause side-splitting laughter when trying to clearly and correctly make a tongue-twisting statement.

Although no one opted to actually dance on the national celebration of Ballroom Dancing on April 4, many memories were sparked by a delightful discussion of "back in the day...." The same can be said about Siblings Day on the 10th, as residents and staff reminisced about their growing-up years with brothers and sisters.

Grilled-Cheese-Sandwich Day, on April 12, was also National Licorice Day (we don't make these

up, readers), but Manager Nairns reports that the two pleasures for the palate were not served together. In fact, the sandwiches were served with the absolute necessity: Tomato Soup.

Hardly anything else is more pleasurable than laughter, so on International-Moment-of-Laughter Day, residents could watch a comedy at their afternoon matinee.

As April draws to a close in less than a week, residents will add a few more events to their calendar. Earth Day was on April 22, a perfect lead-in to Bird Day on the 26th and Arbor Day on April 27. And when anyone wonders "What's up, Doc?" on Bugs Bunny's Birthday on the 30th, perfect weather will probably enable Terrace residents to get outdoors for the answer: their feathered friends, sprouting plants and buds on the trees. Such a marvelous world to view.

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