

Village Family,

It is with great pleasure that I write these words to you, in hope that, through written word, we might connect on some level, as we are not able to do presently in person. Our Kitchen Team shares the same mission goals and values as each person working within the Village Community---That we serve with compassion and love, while keeping in mind your health, safety and comfort as our utmost priority.

While unfortunate events have kept us apart physically, we can assure you, we are working hard to bring you the highest standard of service that present circumstances allow. We look forward to personally delivering your meals and are always looking for ways we might improve in our service to you. Please continue to give us feedback. We are listening.

You are our greatest generation. We value you and we appreciate you.

“Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Our warmest wishes,

June, Rose, Tonya, Samantha & Nicole

The Village Foundation

With the increase in the rent this month, please remember to call Dennis or me for assistance. You do not need financial stress of rent increase, food, heat and medical bills on top of the virus, which can squash your joy and we don't want to see that. The Foundation can help.

Continue to stay home and stay well and we will get through this.

God Bless Each of You ~ Jan

June will be preparing a special Easter Dinner for us on Sunday, April 12th.
Please call your reservations in by noon, Thursday, April 9th!
Price is \$8/per person.

*Baked Turkey Ham/Lentil Loaf
Sweet Baked Yams
Green Beans Amandine
Coconut Cupcakes*



Happy Spring!

As I drove into The Village this morning, I was struck by the beautiful pink snow-fall of cherry blossoms from our stunning trees. The birds were singing, the white tulips outside my office window are blooming, and although it's a gray and cloudy day, all seems right with the world...yet, the world is a totally different place right now. I pray you all are practicing good social distancing and staying home and being safe!

I realize how difficult it is for us to stay socially apart from one another and there is only so much TV we can watch daily, so this month I have included a BINGO game for you all to play as an insert to this newsletter. It has lots of different activities you can do while we are avoiding social contact. Try to make a Bingo by connecting lines or even making a black-out by doing everything on the sheet! Color the inserted picture and hang it in your window for everyone to see and enjoy!

We'd like to thank Renate Matzke and Karen Rund for making cloth masks for the staff to use, but we have run out of elastic. If you have 1/8" elastic or elastic rope that we could use for them, please let me know at the office. And if you'd like to help make some masks, I'd be happy to share the pattern!

I'd like to wish each and every one of you a Very Blessed Easter! ~ Solveig



**What do you call a line of rabbits jumping backwards?
A receding hare-line!**



Easter egg hunts prove that children can find something when they really want to.

**ALL STATEMENTS WILL BE DELIVERED!
THE STATEMENT AND YOUR CHECK WILL BE PICKED UP BY OFFICE STAFF.
PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED NOTE FOR YOUR PICKUP DATE. PLEASE DO NOT**



Congratulations to Kathie Duff and Sue Rader, winners of March's guessing contest. They came closest to the correct number of 272 Lucky Charms! Watch for a new guessing game in the near future!

Administrator's Corner

Dear Residents,

It has been an interesting month. I was not around during World War II, but I would imagine that the world-wide response to the Corona Virus is similar to what was experienced during World War II. It is good to see governments and politicians striving together for a common purpose, despite the constant criticism between them. It is good to see communities, businesses and groups pulling together to help one another. It is good to see people wanting to help other people in any way they can.

I was thinking today that despite the pain and sorrow, there really is a lot of good that can come from this. I am hearing of families spending more time together, of people taking time for the truly more important things in life, Of pollution levels going down because of the changes in our activities, and of course a new awareness of prevention of the spread of germs and viruses.

I also think ahead of what life will be like once this crisis is all over. We need each other and the closeness that we share. We need to be able to come together to praise our Creator. I hope this distancing can soon simply be a thing of the past - a memory of times that are no longer. That we can shake each other's hands again and say "How do you do?" - For in that we are really saying: " I Love YOU! "

At this point we do not have any time frame for when life can resume. It is like we have pressed the 'HOLD' button and we do not know when it will be released. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for understanding that by keeping distance at this time it is the best way we can help each other and ourselves. Thank you for your support of our efforts to do our part in preventing the spread of this virus.

One thing that can help all of us at this time is something that we have been promoting for many, many years. That is Thankfulness. Despite all the sorrow and hardship going on around us, we still truly have so very much to be thankful for. Our Leadership Team here at The Village has been reflecting on that during our meetings. It is amazing how it helps us to reframe our minds - to help us deal with everything that is happening around us and put it in a better perspective. This month that will be our question for our Thankfulness Wall - "What are you thankful for today?" The difference will be that we do not want you to come down and put it on the Wall. We want you to just think about it and share it with your friends and family as you talk on the phone with them. And share it with staff as you see them.

To start that I would like to share what I am thankful for today. I am thankful for The Village, and all that it is and all that it stands for. I am thankful for our staff who care so very much about each one of you, and I am thankful for YOU, our residents who make this such a wonderful place to be. THANK-YOU!

Our commitment is to continue to support you through this time in the best way that we can. Please let us know your needs and we will do what we can to help. Do not hesitate to call and share your needs with our staff. If your request is out of the range of services we have been talking about in our letters to you, then please talk with one of our department leaders about your situation so we can help you find the best solution.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you...
Dennis

Quote for the Month

"When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in."
—Kristin Armstrong

Reflective Thoughts

Pastor Bob Brotherton

Dear Village Community,

We are living in times that are very interesting, perplexing and exciting. For the Christian, the soon return of Jesus Christ offers hope and stability, although no one knows the day or the hour except God alone. We have steadfast promises from God that He will protect His own. I've set forth this following Psalm as a comfort and as promises to be appropriated by faith. With Psalm 91, the times are exciting indeed.

PSALM 91 verses 1-2, 9-16

*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

I will say of the Lord,

*"He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."*

*If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,*

no harm will overtake you,

no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the cobra;

you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call on me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble,

I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation."

Love in Christ, ~R. L. Brotherton

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Elaine Brown

1 Evelyn Long

3 Laura Morrow

3 Alice Werner

8 Laurie Rhodes

10 Judith Remington

10 Cassidy LaFollette

13 Harlen Rude

14 Mary Danner

14 David Yu

18 Bill Brown

18 Veronica Stai

21 Gladys Wilson

23 Jim Rude

29 Billie Elkins

30 Barbara Gohl Radke

