

June 2018

Greetings From The Office

As the trees continue to blossom and the grass grows green we recognize that the summer season is upon us and change is in the air once again at Bethany Pioneer Village. With these changes, we would like to take a moment to congratulate a few of our hard working employees that have decided to retire and take on a new adventure in their lives. We recognize, Marianne Bautz, 27 years of service, Adel Zimmer, 34 years of service, and Sinikka Purmonen, 6 years of service. This is a total of 67 years that these ladies dedicated to Bethany Pioneer Village and the residents who reside here. As the retirement party was held on June 1, 2018 Nora Gies spoke in order to honor these dedicated ladies and one phrase that stood out to me was, "The laughter, the tears and the numerous stories that were told" was done out of kindness and empathy to another human life, which in essence is all the work of god's children. We are all so blessed to be guided to this opportunity to serve another human being. We thank these ladies for the hard work and dedication that they have given for so many years.



We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome some new staff into the Bethany Pioneer Village team. We had the opportunity to hire the Director of Care, Janice Berger, who will join us shortly. Janice, comes to our Bethany family with over 30 years of nursing experience in many different roles but her main focus has always been long term care. She is a leader and facilitator in "Purposeful Interactions" and "Alzheimer Support and Education groups". We would also like to take the opportunity to introduce myself, Lisa Irlbeck, as the new Bethany Administrator. I join the Bethany team with over ten years of experience in the education and health care field and have spent three years managing First Nations Health for a local reserve. I was instrumental in making sure that First Nations elders had the same level of care as everyone else regardless if the members were in a remote location of the province where access to essential services was not always readily available. I am excited about joining the team and enjoying being so close to the lake so that I can partake in afternoon ice cream runs when the weather turns warmer.

The Birch Manor entrance door has now been painted and the mechanical piece missing will go in this week. The Birch kitchen will receive a new kitchen floor and staff will be enjoying the new addition of a counter mounted dishwasher for more convenience. With the doctor's office being complete, we will be able to add other services to

the space such as in house dentistry, foot care and reflexology. These services will also be available to the community.

With the warmer weather, the residents of Bethany will be able to enjoy much more outdoor time with many more field trips and some have happened already...a trip to the Lake Lenore greenhouse, trips into Humboldt for ice cream and to a local play day where the residents got to enjoy the energy and excitement of the children. Some residents were able to reminisce about how they used to participate when they were teachers and took their own classrooms out to these events.

Finances for the fiscal year 2017 – 2018 have been audited and a new budget for this fiscal year has been established. End results for last fiscal year are quite good. Our AGM will be on June 21st at 7pm in the Bethany Board Room. Please join us and take the opportunity to become a Bethany member.

Thanks again to our staff for your dedication and excellent work. It is so wonderful to see you interacting with residents, to see your caring attitude, and hear the laughter, see the hugs every day. Thank you to our volunteers, we see your time and dedication that you give to our Bethany family and we would like to honor you on July 13th, 2018 at “Summerfest”. Please contact Angie or Jessica if you are interested in purchasing tickets for this event.

It is so wonderful to join the Bethany family!
Lisa Irlbeck
Administrator

Foundation Fundraising Committee

The Dinner Theatre held in April was another successful event for our Fundraising Committee and we just want to take this opportunity to thank all those who made it so:

The Lake Lenore/Middle Lake Co-op Agro, Horizon Fertilizers-Humboldt, Sask. Milk Producers, Sasktel and Humboldt Co-op Grocery for their generous donations

The Bethany Ladies Auxiliary, Board members and others for their donations of desserts for our popular dessert buffet.

The cast and directors of the theatre production as well as all who helped with food preparations, décor etc.



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The Birch and Aspen kitchens which we take over for this event. Bethany's Maintenance dept. for letting us take over their workspace and last but not least we must thank all who came out to support 3 nights of this event. Thank you! Thank you!



Birch Manor

Our country drives started in early May and we watched the progression of summer throughout the month and it is now officially ice cream season.

A big thank you goes to Stephanie Unverricht and Sharon Carter for allowing Birch Manor to host their music recitals. It is thoroughly enjoyed and so wonderful to see such talent in our community. We had the pleasure of having the Middle Lake Dance club perform for us as well, having all the youth energy in our building sure put a spring into everyone's step.

Love and laughter filled the halls when Mothers were celebrated at our tea and bake sale where we had tea like the Queen with our china cups and pinkies up. All the bake sale and raffle items were donated from the community and loved ones and it was much appreciated, a thank you goes out to our volunteers as events like this would not be able to take place without you. The funds raised will go towards our outings and ice cream at the park.

We made two trips out to the Lake Lenore Greenhouse this year and you would think that we would be all flowered out. The residents had a great time filling our flower pots and putting in our veggie garden, our backyard now resembles the Butchart Gardens. Thank you to the greenhouse for taking such good care of us during our visit and for the generous flower donation made to Bethany.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort..." 2 Corinthians 1:3. Come and join us on June 18 from 2-4pm to celebrate all Dads everywhere. Build your own ice cream sundae and enjoy the weather out on the deck.

Kick off the first day of summer with us at Aspen Manor where we will celebrate the sunshine with the Cudworth Cowboys at 2pm.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, but they have the heart.” Our volunteers cannot be thanked or appreciated enough for all that they do. Our events and activities would not be possible without their extra caring hands and hearts. Summerfest is an event where we get to show our appreciation to all the wonderful volunteers at Bethany. Please join us July 13th for supper and entertainment by Donny Parenteau. Tickets to this event are available for purchase at Bethany Pioneer Village. Bethany residents will receive free tickets.

Congratulations graduates of 2018! The seniors of Three Lakes School are going to walk the stage on June 28th and receive their hard-earned diplomas and prepare for the next chapter in their lives. We appreciate the time that they have spent here with our residents over the years and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors. They will walk the halls of Bethany in the evening for us to take part in their special day.

A beloved farewell to Pastor Rapp and his family, our residents sure appreciated his services every week as well as his weekly commitment to bible study on Tuesday afternoons. We wish him well wherever the Lord may lead him.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous summer!

God Bless,

Jessica Borstmayer
Coordinator



Mother's Day Tea

Activities

Well Spring has sprung in a very unique way this year. At times it was so hot it almost felt as though we had skipped a season! Looking around outside it was quite dry, but then Mother Nature blessed us with a few down pours of rain and now everything has greened up beautifully!

As many have noticed we have a new face too within the Activity Department here at Aspen. Shey-Lynne Brockman will be joining me in activities each week throughout the summer months. She has accompanied us on many of our trips so far and is a true joy to have with us.

April brought with it an end to our “Winter Vacation” and a kick off to our “Country Drives”! It was a lot of fun touring different countries while the snow was here but now we are even more excited for our “Crop Reports” to

begin! It has been a lot of fun going for these drives and noticing all the changes throughout Spring and getting to watch many farmers busy working in their fields planting their crops. As we are set in a Rural setting most of our Residents who reside at Bethany come from a agricultural background of some sort. Over the next few months when visiting Bethany you may notice our “Crop Report” board located by the dining room. This board will have all our updates on the crops as reported by our Residents after each of our “Country Drives” and outings.

On April 5th we started some of our veggie plants which we have since transplanted into our garden. We are looking forward to all the fresh veggies and fruits to enjoy again this year ! To go along with these plants we made a couple trips with Residents of Birch Manor to the Greenhouse in Lake a tough decision as there are so many beautiful and different plants to choose from. “Thank-You” to all the staff at the Lake Lenore Greenhouse for making these outings such a great experience for our Residents as well as all the many annuals donated which bring so much beauty to our Home!



On April 17th Harry Drader entertained, which was a fun time enjoyed by all. We also had the first couple “Men’s Coffee Row” gatherings which are held monthly between Aspen and Birch. On May 10th our 1st Mother’s Tea and Bake sale was held at Birch Manor. It was a fun afternoon of visiting, buying some treats and even had a few prizes handed out. Adeline Schemenauer won our door prize which was a beautiful hanging basket from Cedar Ridge Greenhouse!

On May 16th we went to Wong’s Restaurant in Humboldt for a Mother’s Day Dinner. The Men chose to go to Boston Pizza in Humboldt for their Father’s Day Dinner this past week on June 7th. Thank you to Monie Fischl and Kurt Demmert for accompanying us on our trips.

Our June so far has been off to a busy start with a few different outings. We got to attend two different “Play Day” events, one held at Three Lakes School and the other at Lake Lenore School. These were very special days to the Resident’s as they got to enjoy visiting with many familiar faces out in the communities. Thank-you for inviting us to be a part of these events.

With all the many changes Spring brings, it has brought another for us at Bethany. Our Chaplain Rev. John Rapp will be leaving this June. We have been very blessed to have him and his family a part of our Bethany Family for the past 5 years. However here at Bethany it is not a “Goodbye” but instead a “See you again soon” as we wish you all the best with your move and know that you will always be a part of our Family here at Bethany!

Some dates to keep in mind:

June 18th – Our Father’s Day Social @ Birch

June 21st – Cudworth Cowboys Entertain

July 13th – Summerfest at Bethany - featuring music by Donny Parenteau

August 12th – Bethany Day

Looking forward to the next few months as we enjoy the beautiful weather, visiting with family and friends and enjoying new adventures!

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer filled with family friends and many new memories!

Angela Reiter
Activity Worker



Auxiliary

We have beautiful weather. Most farmers are done seeding; and we had some much wished for rain.

Since our last report we had two meetings; one in March and one in May. Sharon reported on grants for the Bethany trails. The trails will be improved with a harder surface so that wheelchairs and walkers have a easier time using the trails. Also benches will be installed at certain places.

The auxiliary will honour the residents with corsages for the ladies on Mother's Day and boutonnieres for all the gentlemen on Father's Day.

We started discussing the Fall Rally which we will be hosting on September 27. Ten of our members attended the ASCHA convention at the Manitou Springs Resort. The theme was; The Role of Volunteers in a changing Health System. Sonja Jahn, Director of Volunteer Services from Prince Albert was our Morning Guest Speaker. She spoke about how to recruit people to volunteer and hoe volunteering is changing. Our second speaker Suzette Szumutku came from Yorkton. She is Director of Volunteer Resources. Privacy, confidentiality, criminal record checks, that's all things volunteer organizations have to deal with in this day and age. We learned some very useful information from both speakers. Like always we paid mileage to the drivers who took us to Watrous.

Our Auxiliary will support the Bethany Community Calendar Fundraiser.

We say good-bye to Sinikka Purmonen, Bethany Administrator till the end of May; and welcome Lisa Irlbeck, our new Bethany Administrator. Sinikka was very supportive of our auxiliary and we wish her all the best in her retirement. We also would like to wish Lisa all the best in her new position as Bethany Administator.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday June 27 at 1:30 PM at Aspen. It is a special meeting with the purpose to organize the Fall Rally hosted by our auxiliary.

All you Dads out there have a very Happy Father's Day.
Have a great Summer everyone!

Ingrid Lechler



Last meeting for Sinikka!