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Redwood Terrace News



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Jim Thompson

We Celebrate 20 Years!

We are proud to acknowledge that Jim Thompson has been a vital part of Redwood Terrace for 20 years! He came to us on June 24, 1998 as a Personal Service Assistant. At that time he was fresh from his CNA training and had recently completed his state board exams with the Oregon State Board of Nursing. In a very short period of time he was promoted to Life Enrichment Activity Program Coordinator and Assistant Director. Just a year later, he took on the challenge of Executive Director of Redwood Terrace and also became a board member for the Oregon Assisted Living Facilities Association. In the years since, we have seen Jim thrive and take his administration to new levels of excellence.



Under Jim's careful guidance, Redwood Terrace has become known state wide for our well-trained, deeply caring staff and comfortable environment. State and Client Care Monitoring Unit inspections have been conducted with no deficiencies year after year. Jim makes sure every need is communicated and carried out as directed. It is because of these excellent skills that Jim Thompson is regularly asked by Leading Age Oregon to train new administrators from around the state. In July 2014, Jim received the Oregon Health Care Administrator of the Year award. Thanks to Jim's leadership, Redwood Terrace has remained in the top percentage of Assisted Living Community ranking in every category.

In the many years that he has been here, Jim's seen his share of pranks, snow and rain storms, interesting people, and smiles. Jim grew up and went to school in Cave Junction, Oregon. He has had the privilege of serving those educators who watched out for him during his elementary school years. Jim is married, has two children, one of which is in school to be a nurse, and the other recently married in Utah. We are so grateful that Jim has stayed with us so long. We can't wait to see what the next 20 years with Jim brings!

Executive Director

Jim Thompson

Assistant Director

Marlys Wood

Registered Nurse

Sheryl Aldstadt

Resident Care Coordinator

Ella Staker

Kitchen Manager

Nina Harmon

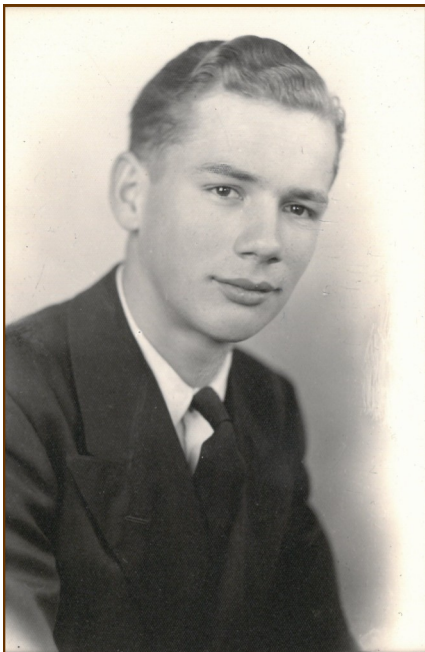
Community Relations Director

Frankie Craig

Activity Coordinator

Cheryl McCoy





Mystery Resident

Our July mystery resident is a man of many talents. He shares fascinating stories so that one can learn about the many good times he's had in his life so far.

This man grew up on a farm on an Indian Reservation in South Dakota, although he is not Native American. In elementary school his teacher noticed that he was drawing, and began bringing in newspaper clippings for our mysterious artist to draw. The first car he drove was a 1925 Ford truck, which had a wooden cab. Mr. Mysterious left the farm to go to college. He went to Walla Walla college for a semester, and eventually on to Colorado State University, where he graduated in 1957 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (B.S.M.E.) He did Engineering Graduate Studies at San Diego State University.

Our hero married a lovely woman named Sylvia in 1953, and they had four children; Karla, Mark, William, and Thomas. They enjoyed 55 years together until her passing. Now there are 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

His engineering skill brought him to General Dynamics Corp. in San Diego, where he worked for 34 years. He also worked part time as a teacher in southern California. This man's interest in creating art continued through the years. He took a variety of art classes and has many beautiful paintings to show for them. They are done in a variety of media. A few may be seen on the walls of his apartment. At one point this creative person discovered Rosemaling, the Norwegian folk art of decorative painting. He painted the plate on his door in this style, and painted quite a variety of items, including a stool and a hope chest, which he gave to friends and family.

After retirement, this man of mystery pursued a great interest in genealogy. He worked diligently at finding and authenticating the branches of his tree from 1992 to 2014, and was able to develop a detailed bound version of his family tree as a result of his efforts. Who is our mystery man? Find out in the next newsletter!



Last month's mystery resident was Dorothy Harris



Welcome to Lois Nelsen, Roger and Zoe Bills, Joanna Burnell, and Paul Murphy

So many new and wonderful people have joined the Redwood Terrace family since the last newsletter was created!

Lois is an accomplished artist and pianist. Roger and Zoe come to us with their cat, Morris. Roger has pursued woodworking and stained glass work. Zoe has enjoyed crocheting many afghans. Joanna loves animals, and has thoroughly enjoyed her years out in the country. Paul was an iron worker, welder, pipe fitter in his working days. He appreciates being out in nature, and keeps himself healthy by being physically active.

Welcome friends!

