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Fairfield Care Newsletter

May 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 2017

What a difference a year makes! We have seen many changes in the years since Fairfield Care opened for business. There have been growing pains, but there have been good things as well. We have welcomed residents from within the community, as well as from Spokane and nearby towns, and we have mourned the loss of others, including our very first resident, Ardis Dashiell. She was a delightful lady and a sharp wit.

Our Fairfield Care Board has also expanded. We were delighted when Betsy Keno Pletscher joined us last year. Betsy has been a vital presence on the Board, as well as in other areas as well. She regularly plays the 'old tunes' for residents for sing-alongs. Betsy is a pianist by trade and gives lessons, too. You may have found our Facebook page which she also developed. And she is also a capable bus driver when the residents go out to eat and for special events.

This year we have added two other Board members. David Ostheller is well known in the community, a 4th generation dryland farmer in the Fairfield area, having begun farming in 1980 after his father's premature death due to cancer. He is well traveled around the world and has many interests. He has served on a number of boards in this area. He and his wife, Ingrid, live in Spokane.

Kevin Ottosen also was asked to join the Fairfield Care Board of Directors. He has lived in the Fairfield area his entire life. He attended Liberty School District, graduated EWU with majors in Marketing and Economics. This first half of his adult life he worked in the agriculture sector within a John Deere dealership in Fairfield and the past twenty years he has been owner and operator of an insurance agency in Cheney, WA. Currently his business has a strong emphasis on long term care insurance and advanced planning issues. Married 39 years to his wife Gayle he enjoys his daughters Breanne and Jennifer along with their husbands and two grandsons.

--Lynn Schafer

COMING EVENTS...Daphne Chrysler, Activity Director

- May 12 – Mother's Day Social, 3:00 pm
Great opera music with Tom and Donn
- June 7 – Lunch out at The Feeding Station in Tekoa
- June 10 – Fairfield Flag Day social, music with Diane Copeland
- June 17 – Fairfield June stroll (our mini Bloomsday)
- June 18 – Father's Day breakfast
- June 23 – Picnic at Comstock Park with KFC chicken

Board of Directors

Lynn Schafer - President

Karl Felgenhauer—Vice President

Barbara Roecks—Secretary

Jacqueline Tee—Treasurer

Board members:

*Paul Anderson
Rusty McGuire
David Ostheller
Kevin Ottosen
Betsy Pletscher*

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NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

By
Constance Brown Schroeder

Diminutive Lynn Schafer was elected new Board president for Fairfield Care by her fellow members in March, 2016.

In 2011 the old Good Samaritan Home reopened as Fairfield Care. Lynn had served on both Boards. She was now asked to be Board president as Karl Felgenhauer stepped down. She had previously served as secretary for the Board for five years. "She knew the ropes," said Karl.

"She was so community minded that I thought she would make an excellent president," said Karl. Feeling the community needed an assisted living facility in the area, in 2010 Fairfield Care purchased the buildings of the former Good Samaritan Home.

Lynn had volunteered many years at both Tekoa Care Center and the Good Samaritan Home, and she continued on with Fairfield Care, taking on shopping for groceries and volunteering her time in many areas.

Marjorie Lynn (Spears) Schafer was a country girl. She was born to Gordon and Marjorie Spears who lived on a ranch north of Miles City, Montana. She has two siblings. Her sister is a paramedic, coroner and retired Disaster Area Coordinator at Forsyth, Montana. Her brother is retired and living in the home where Lynn grew up.

After finishing high school at Miles City, Lynn graduated from Kinman Business University in Spokane. She met her husband, Gary, while working at Kinman for three years as private secretary to one of the directors. She then worked another three years in the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney's office before moving to Latah where Gary began farming with his brother.

Gary and Lynn were married in 1963 on her dad's 50th birthday. They have two sons living in Spokane and nine grandchildren. In 1991 she began typing court transcripts for a friend who had worked with her in the Prosecutor's office, and then in 1993 she was asked to fill in at Fairfield Grain Growers as an administrative assistant. That 'temporary' job lasted until she retired in 2006.

Lynn's mom, Marjorie Spears, is living at Fairfield Care. She will reach the venerable age of 102 in May. She is also diminutive, keen and alert, and very proud of her daughter.

IN MEMORIAM

As we move through life, there are many people who cross our paths. It's always sad to say goodbye, but we can honestly say they are 'gone but not forgotten.' We at Fairfield Care are just happy to give these loved ones the best care possible as they reach the end of their lives here on earth. It is never easy for our staff who learn to love them as part of our 'family.' More recently we have said goodbye to people who have greatly impacted our lives. Our hearts are enriched by the contribution each one of our residents, both past and present, has made.



These are a few of our Favorite Things...

We are very fortunate to have Fairfield Care in our community. Not only does it provide a place where people who have lived all their lives in this area can come for assisted living, but we feel we have a staff who work very hard to make this a real home for those who no longer can live independently. And we have many activities for our residents. An exercise program is conducted daily. Bible studies happen weekly, and chapel services are handled by four local pastors. Monthly luncheons bring in members of the community to enjoy visiting with everyone, and this includes live music by a variety of people. Bingo is played three times a week, and for those who wish to eat out occasionally, our bus transports them to restaurants in the surrounding communities. Field trips happen, as well.

Here is a sample of some of the things we do:



Bible studies



Manicures



Bingo



The Old Gazebo



Our own Leprechaun



Hugs



Easter sunrise service



New Gazebo, thanks to Larry Cargile



Tom and the Easter Bunny



Let's play ball