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## **Hopefully, This Will Be The Year!**

Many of you have heard me say in person or read these comments:

*"In my more than 30 years of advocacy in DC only on three occasions have members of Congress said they do not support affordable housing. They all support it verbally, but actions don't follow their words!"*

*"HUD used to fund as many as 20,000 new apartments a year. That diminished over the years until in 2012 they took a one-year hiatus in budgeting new funds, and that lasted until 2018 when they budgeted \$105 million which would be enough to build about 800 apartments." Just recently they issued the guidance for applications, and then only for \$50 million, half of the budgeted amount."*

*"There are 10,000 people a day turning 65 and, at one point, it is anticipated that half of them will need affordable housing."*

*"Some people who thought they were well prepared for retirement find that a health crisis caused their savings to be seriously diminished, and now they need affordable housing."*

*"When we opened a 50-apartment tax credit building for older adults in Los Angeles last year, we had over 750 applications. And when we opened a 49-apartment building for limited-income families this year, we had over 3,000 applications."*

*"RHF has approximately 22,500 residents, but we have over 37,000 persons on our waiting lists!"*

*"Affordable housing with service coordinators keeps people out of hospitals, and a couple of days in the hospital will cost more than an entire year's housing subsidy. Part of the challenge is that the expense for the 202 program is in the HUD budget, which is discretionary, and the savings are in Health and Human Services, which is non-discretionary. We have to get the two departments working together!"*

But I am hopeful! Newspapers and TV commentators around the nation write and talk about the need for affordable housing several times a week. Even political leadership at local, state, and national levels are talking about it. Hopefully this will be the year that actions follow words!

Two years ago, LeadingAge sponsored a rally at the Capitol in support of affordable housing. There will be another rally this year on May 8th from 1pm to 2pm eastern time. We are encouraging everyone who can get there to participate. And if you can't be there in person, hold rallies in your communities and places of worship and send letters with pictures of people participating in your rally or make phone calls to your state and national political leaders so they realize this is a major movement.

**With your help this can be the year!**



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## ***RHF Leading the Way For Better Tomorrows***

2019 marks RHF's 58th Anniversary. Management staff from all of our multi-level retirement communities and management staff of all of our affordable communities in five western states met in Long Beach for a week of meetings and educational sessions. Several United Church of Christ (UCC) Conference Ministers and representatives joined some of those meetings, the worship service, and the annual dinner to familiarize themselves with RHF, what we do, and the mission that we are committed to.

At our annual dinner, RHF also recognizes some outstanding individuals who make a difference in the lives of our residents and impact our organization throughout the year. Read about the honorees below and on the following pages.

### **2019 Friend of the Elderly Award**

**Steve Protulis, President / CEO**

**Elderly Housing Development and Operations Corp.**

A national activist for elderly concerns, Steve heads the Elderly Housing Development and Operations Corporation (EHDOC) organization. He was formerly Assistant to the President of the AFL-CIO, and Executive Director of the National Council of Senior Citizens, one of the nation's strongest voices for older Americans and families.

In 2001-2002, Steve served on the prestigious 14-member U.S. Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Facility Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century, a committee appointed by the U.S. Congress. Steve also serves on the NISH Committee of the National Council on the Aging and the Center for Policy Alternatives, is Past Chair of the American Association of Service Coordinators and is a member of the board of directors for the National Home Modifications Action Coalition. In addition, Steve is a member of the Low Income Housing Coalition, National Leading Age Policy Board and a Trustee with Florida Leading Age.

Other positions included: Deputy Field Director for Jimmy Carter's Presidential Campaign; Administrative Assistant to UAW President Douglas Fraser; and Special Assistant to AFL-CIO President John Sweeney in Washington, DC; and former member of the editorial advisory board of Caring Magazine.



### **RHF's 2019 Resident of the Year**

**Keum Bok Choi**

**MacArthur Park Towers - Los Angeles, California**

Keum Bok Choi has lived at MacArthur Park Towers for 24 years. She and her husband, Young Choi, were active volunteers at the community until his death in 2009. Keum has continued to be actively involved in the Resident Council and currently serves as its Chairperson.

She helps every Wednesday at the community's vegetable sale; she has brought in a hairdresser to fix the residents hair for free; she is a member of the community's Project H.A.N.D.S. group and has knitted blankets and slippers.

In her role as Chairperson, Keum leads in planning the community's annual autumn picnic and Christmas party. She makes a point of visiting residents who become hospitalized or have to transfer to a skilled nursing community.

Whether it is serving as a floor monitor and ensuring that residents on her floor are taken care of and are aware of what is going on in the community or helping anyone in the building who might need help with their errands, Keum has devoted a significant portion of her life taking care of the residents of MacArthur Park Towers.

## ***RHF Celebrates 58 Years ...***



### **RHF's 2019 Service Coordinator of the Year**

**Tammy Shendler**

**Abbey Apartments - Indianapolis, Indiana**

Tammy Shendler started with RHF in 2001 and became a Service Coordinator in March of 2006, working at a number of different properties before being assigned to Abbey Apartments.

Tammy is known for her incredibly positive attitude and her contagious happiness. During her time as a Service Coordinator, Tammy has made a point of constantly working to establish stronger relationships and additional connections with various government agencies in order to ensure that she is aware of any program or service that may benefit the residents of Abbey Apartments.

Of her experiences with Tammy, Abbey Apartments resident Noussa Kaddis said, "She is always willing to help on any issue I have. She explains the problem to me very well, and helps me find solutions to my problems. I appreciate her very, very much!"

### **RHF's 2019 Manager of the Year**

**Shana Anders-Hastings**

**Maple City Square - LaPorte, Indiana**

**Immanuel Residences for the Elderly - Evergreen Park, Illinois**

Shana Anders-Hastings has been the Manager of Maple City Square since 1988. For the past 3 years her responsibilities have expanded to include overseeing Immanuel Residences for the Elderly in Evergreen Park, IL, a community Immanuel UCC entrusted to RHF in 2016.

Shana is an example of how all managers should be fulfilling RHF's mission to provide a range of housing options and services to older adults in an environment enhancing their quality of life. She treats her residents with care and dignity.



She advocated for three years to get a Service Coordinator on staff to help the high number of frail residents in her community. She encourages her residents to be involved in the wider community by participating in RHF's Project HANDS and to donate, locally, to the Cystic Fibrosis camp. This year the community participated in RHF's Unwrap a Smile campaign, helping to ensure that every child in an RHF community received a Christmas gift.

Her Service Coordinator, Mia Tomei, writes, "It has been an honor to work with Shana since 2015. In that time she has proven to be a dynamic leader who will go the extra mile on all projects." She goes on to write, "I have seen Shana work diligently with HUD regulations and to assist the residents with their needs as they age in place. She has gone above and beyond for her residents and the community."

For all but one year of her 30 year history at Maple City Square, she has received a "Superior" rating on her MOR (Management Occupancy Review) and received a score of 99a on her most recent HUD REAC inspection.



## *Culver City Rotary Plaza Re-Dedication*

On March 21st, an event was held at Culver City Rotary Plaza, a 100-unit, RHF (Retirement Housing Foundation) and Culver City Rotary Club housing community for low-income seniors, to celebrate the re-dedication of the community after a large-scale renovation.

All Culver City Rotary Plaza residents and staff, along with RHF National Office staff, Culver City Rotary Club members, local and state officials, civic leaders, and other members of the local community were invited to attend. The program included a ribbon cutting ceremony and presentations by Culver City Vice Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells, Dr. Laverne R. Joseph, President and CEO of RHF, and Lyn Caron, President of the Culver City Rotary Community Foundation.

Culver City Rotary Club and Retirement Housing Foundation established Culver City Rotary Plaza, Inc., a California non-profit, to provide needed senior housing. Culver City Rotary Plaza was completed October 2, 1985. The recent re-financing of the community has resulted in a \$10.2 million renovation and a commitment to keep the community affordable for decades to come.



The work, which started in March 2017 and ended in September 2018, included a complete remodel of the apartments. The units received new cabinets and countertops, appliances, AC/Heating units, lighting, flooring, painting, fixtures, windows, and patio doors.

The work also included the rehabilitation and remodel of the corridors, offices, common area restrooms, community spaces, courtyard, landscaping, and laundry facilities. New additions to the community include additional landscaping features, new gathering spaces on second through fourth floors and a new Photovoltaic (Solar Power) system.

Culver City Rotary Plaza was financed with tax exempt bonds, 4% LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credits) and seller financing.



# Honoring Some Incredible Individuals

*"A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty."*

- G. Thomas Gale

April has been designated as **National Volunteer Month**. RHF and our communities are blessed to have thousands of people believe in its mission and volunteer at our communities. These three individuals were honored at our annual dinner in February for their volunteer efforts in two of those communities.

## RHF's 2019 Local Board Member of the Year

**Sister Patricia Morisset**

**Marymount Manor - Tacoma, Washington**

Sister Patricia (Patty) Morisset serves as President of the Marymount Association for Senior Housing (MASH) Board and, as its leader, plays an active role at Marymount Manor, in an advisory capacity.

She is well-informed about the "happenings" at the community, from finances to resident concerns. She makes herself available to the residents and has worked with them on many projects.

Sister Patty is a strong advocate for affordable senior housing. She is an admirable and selfless person who continues to make a positive impact on everyone she comes in contact with.

As a member of the Dominican Sisters & Associates of Tacoma, she works with a variety of charities and events to bring awareness to the underserved and underprivileged.

Sister Patricia Morisset is an asset to Marymount Manor and the entire Tacoma-Parkland-Spanaway community.



## RHF's 2019 Volunteer of the Year

**Marlene Olsen**

**La Mirada Vistas - La Mirada, California**



Marlene has been actively volunteering at La Mirada Vistas since 2009. Whether it is leading a group of residents in Chair Chi Class, checking in on ill residents, remembering their birthdays or acting as the liason between the community and City Hall, Marlene's commitment to La Mirada Vistas' residents has been significant over the last decade.

Every Wednesday you will find her teaching an ESL class to a diverse group of residents and twice a week she is teaching Chair Chi classes. She organized a Neighborhood Watch meeting for the residents and the City of LaMirada. She finds out about community events and then makes sure there is transportation to the events for all the residents.

Marlene always has a positive attitude and is a very compassionate person.

Marlene turned 80 this year but subscribes to what the gerontologists in London have said (yes, Dr. Joseph, she listened to your talk at La Mirada's celebration for RHF's 55th Anniversary) that England now considers 80 to be the new 60!



## **RHF's 2019 President's Award**

### **Alice Sexton - Chair, RHF Advisory Commission**

Alice Sexton has served on the RHF Advisory Commission for more than 20 years. Her energy and enthusiasm for RHF's Mission is reflected in the time and effort she puts into her position as Advisory Commission Chair.

She has been the catalyst of many a good idea.

Two projects that she has been extensively involved in in recent years have been the In The Kitchen with RHF recipe book and the launching of Community Library and Resource Centers in RHF family communities.

Once a year, RHF's National Board and Advisory Commission visit a number of RHF communities somewhere in the country, and her experience during those visits was the motivation for coming up with the idea of creating a cookbook which would feature time-tested recipes from our residents. Communities held contests and submitted one recipe each and then Alice got to work; interviewing those whose recipes would be published in the recipe book and going over the recipe to make sure it made sense in print. If you are around Alice for any time at all - don't be surprised if she offers to sell you a recipe book!

Professionally, Alice spent her life in the classroom as a teacher. She has seen the power that a book can bring to a young person's life. When an RHF community in Wisconsin installed a community library, Alice motivated the Advisory Commission to donate books to it. Working with the Philanthropy department staff, that idea morphed into creating a library in every family community in the RHF portfolio, and the Community Library and Resource Center was born.

Keep those ideas coming, Alice!



## **Bikers Against Statewide Hunger**

### **Marymount Manor - Tacoma, Washington**

Bikers Against Statewide Hunger (B.A.S.H.) has been faithfully delivering groceries to the senior citizens of Marymount Manor for more than 10 years.

Residents of Marymount Manor are on a very/extremely low fixed income, and the delivery of groceries once a month allows them to receive a variety of nutritious foods at no cost to them. This has been beneficial to the residents who may have to otherwise choose between purchasing groceries and purchasing medication - which are both necessities.

Pamela Otto and Bill Hunter, two members of BASH, have worked diligently to deliver large quantities of food to Marymount Manor every month and the residents anxiously await their arrival, excited to see what they're bringing.

This program alleviates the financial burden of buying groceries, which always includes an assortment of fruits and vegetables along with basics like bread. The food is set up so the residents can "shop" for the groceries they can use, and the food not chosen by residents is delivered to the neighboring Senior Center - so the food never goes to waste.



## Community News

# Great Things Are Happening

### **A Practically Perfect Evening** **Angelus Plaza, Los Angeles, CA**

In January, a group of senior residents and members of the local community boarded the Angelus Plaza Senior Activity Center shuttle bus for a Hollywood adventure! With the center's Director dressed as Mary Poppins leading the way, the group traveled to the historic El Capitan Theater for a matinee showing of the new film "Mary Poppins Returns." The music and new take on a beloved character appealed to all the group's diverse participants. Taking advantage of the beautiful scenery for photos before the show, and exploring the costume exhibits after, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing.



### **Watching Out for the Neighborhood** **Ingleside Manor, Macon, GA**

Ingleside Manor's Neighborhood Watch group, in partnership with Peach State Health Plan, recently collected stuffed animals to donate to the Bibb County Sheriff's Office. Officers will keep these stuffed animals in their patrol cars to give to children to help comfort them during crisis situations.

To the right, you can see a photo from the celebration at the community when the officers came to collect the donations.



### **Non-Profit Champions** **Charles Major Manor, Shelbyville, IN**

Charles Major Manor was recently recognized at Shelby County Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Annual Awards Gala and Dinner, themed "A Night to Shine." Though they didn't receive the award, Charles Major Manor was one of three nominees in the "Non-Profit Champion" category.

As a benefit of being nominated, the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce very kindly provided a production company to put together a video highlighting all the amazing things happening at the community on a daily basis. Emma Miano, Charles Major Manor's Manager, is heard throughout the video speaking about the mission of the community and the wonderful programs and services that are brought to the residents thanks to the hardworking Social Service Coordinator and various local businesses and organizations.



You can view this video on RHF's Youtube channel and Facebook page.



# *in Our Communities!*

## **An Introduction to Twiddlemuffs**

### **Camelot Village, Council Bluffs, IA**

Representatives from the Council Bluffs Lions Club recently visited Camelot Village to tell the residents a little bit about what the club offers to the local community. They also introduced them to "twiddlemuffs," an item they make for people with dementia and autism and those in nursing homes and hospice. These colorful knitted and crocheted hand warmers have beads and doodads sewn on the inside and outside to be fiddled and played with, which helps many people feel calm.

The Lions Club members also gave the residents some undecorated muffs, which the Camelot Village Project H.A.N.D.S.® group will decorate and find homes for.

Soon, the residents will have a class in crocheting so that they can start making their very own twiddlemuffs completely from scratch!



## **Spreading the Love**

### **Longfellow Plaza, Anderson, IN**

The residents of RHF's Longfellow Plaza in Anderson, Indiana gathered together for breakfast and Valentine card making in February. In total, the residents produced 100 beautiful, heartfelt cards that were mailed to The Children's TherAplay Foundation, a non-profit pediatric outpatient clinic offering services for children with special needs.

Children's TherAplay asks for the public's help in their mission to give every one of the children a beautifully decorated card for Valentine's Day and the residents of Longfellow Plaza were honored to contribute.



## **Empty Bowls for a Great Cause**

### **Towne Creek Apartments, McKinney, TX**

The residents of Towne Creek have spent their recent monthly art classes making beautiful, hand-painted bowls for the McKinney Empty Bowls fundraiser. McKinney Empty Bowls takes place annually to raise money to fight hunger in north Texas. 2019 will make the fifth year that Towne Creek residents have donated to this event.

This year, with the help and instruction from Art Class volunteer Toni Andrukaitis, Towne Creek residents made and donated a combined total of 25 bowls for the event! Pictured here is Towne Creek resident Kathy Robbins with just a few of these amazing works of art.



## Spreading Cheer During the Holidays

### Las Alturas and The Whittier, Los Angeles, CA

As part of their holiday season festivities and year-round goal to do good in their community, the Project H.A.N.D.S.® groups from Las Alturas and The Whittier visited a local nursing home late last year to spread some cheer. Scarves, hats and blankets that were handmade by the RHF residents were handed out as they visited and celebrated with their new friends.

As much as the nursing home residents benefitted from the visit, the Las Alturas and Whittier residents felt that they benefitted even more. They ended their visit feeling uplifted and full of joy.



## Fun For All Ages

### Independence Square, Evansville, IN

The residents of Independence Square know it's going to be a great day when the children from the nearby Deaconess Enrichment Center (daycare) come to visit. The group of children took a field trip to the community in February to spend a fun day making Valentine's Day cards in the Independence Square Community Room.

The children left with their many cheery Valentine's creations and bags full of treats that were put together by the residents.

## Feeling Groovy at The Carolinian

### The Carolinian, Florence, SC

Featured here are photos from the "Stayin' Alive," seventies-themed party that The Carolinian hosted in February.

Ann Cantley, The Carolinian's Life Enrichment Director, formed a committee with residents from both Independent Living and Assisted Living to help come up with a theme and make sure that residents were a big part of the planning process. Decorations and party-wear like peace sign necklaces, disco ball vases, and vinyl records with streamers were put together during community craft time.

At the party, attendees feasted on finger foods, a Carolinian med-tech acted as DJ, and 15 members of the local baseball and softball

teams attended with their coach to act as escorts. About 80 people in total attended the event.

They must have had a great time, because the residents were planning the "next dance" the following morning!





# *Join Us On Social Media!*

## **Like Us on Facebook**



Do you want to hear what is happening at the RHF national office and within our communities? Go to these community Facebook pages to keep in touch with the latest that is going on at RHF.

Retirement Housing Foundation  
Auburn Ravine Terrace  
Bixby Knolls Towers  
The Cloisters  
Courtenay Springs Village  
Farrfield Manor  
The Gateway  
LaFontaine Center Apartments  
Park Place Assisted Living  
Plymouth Square  
Sun City Gardens

Angelus Plaza  
Bishop's Glen Retirement Community  
The Carolinian  
Colonial Heights and Gardens  
DeSmet Retirement  
Gaslight Apartments  
Gold Country Retirement and Healthcare  
Mayflower Gardens Retirement Community  
Pioneer House  
St. Catherine Retirement Community  
Westminster Village

## ***RHF is on Twitter!***

Make sure to follow @RHFoundation on Twitter! Our Tweets cover everything from news within our communities and our organization to news from our affiliates to advocacy and calls to action.



## **Visit Our YouTube Channel**



Follow Retirement Housing Foundation's YouTube channel for a chance to get to know some of our residents and hear their stories. The two well-received videos that were shown at our annual dinner are available to watch there and we already have plans to add plenty more exciting content. Stay tuned!

## ***Help Us Spread the Word About RHF!***

Our presence on social media is one of the many ways we spread information about the constantly growing RHF mission. With your help, we can reach even more people!

We will be very grateful if you can share our pages, post content and videos with your friends and family. The more our social media reach expands, the more likely we are to reach people who need to be aware of communities like RHF's or people who may be interested in helping RHF continue to grow.

We also love to see you interact with our social media posts. Not only do your likes and comments help our posts get more exposure, they also help us to know what content you love to see and what we should post more of!

## Centenarians



Soledad  
Alfaro

### Happy Birthday To You . . .

#### Angelus Plaza - Los Angeles, California

Soledad Alfaro turned 103 in February of this year. She worked for the U. S. Consulate in Cuba in 1944 and four years later she and her 15 year-old daughter immigrated to the United States.

These days she is active in the Latin American Club and enjoys getting together with her daughter, eight grandsons, 17 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren.

Patricia Valenzuela turned 101 years old this February and has lived at Angelus Plaza for 26 years. She enjoys making paper mache artwork and being able to live comfortably at Angelus Plaza.

Dung Sieu Hang is turning 100 years old this spring. He has lived at Angelus Plaza for 23 years. Before immigrating to America, Dung Sieu lived in Vietnam. He has said the key to enjoying life is eating good food – especially if it is his favorite cuisine of Chinese food.



Patricia  
Valenzuela



Dung  
Sieu  
Hang

#### Bishop's Glen - Holly Hill, Florida

Jeanne Kanfer turned 101 in April.

When asked about being a centenarian, Jeanne says, " It is hard to realize that you are as old as a century. You can remember the things you used to do but the people around you don't know what you are talking about. I'm a collectible."

#### Lindsay Place - Lindsay, OK

Jewel Keeler turned 100 this spring. Jewel is a devout Christian who attends the Lindsay Church of Christ. She has one daughter and 3 sons. Jewel has been blessed with many grandchildren, nieces, and nephews who visit her often. Jewel is a fun person to be around, her favorite domino game is Moon. There is much laughter and joking going on during these games in the community room. Her other hobbies include reading, crocheting, and sewing.



Jeanne  
Kanfer

#### Harshfield Terrace - Quartz Hill, California

Rozelle Thompson turned 103 in March of this year. Rozelle is a delight to know, is full of life and loved by everyone at Harshfield Terrace. She likes to read and loves her church and time spent with her family.

#### Lake Ella Manor - Tallahassee, FL

Eliza Perry will turn 100 in May.

Eliza has been living at Lake Ella Manor for more than 25 years and says her time at the RHF community has been blessed.



Jewel Keeler



Rozelle  
Thompson



Eliza Perry



## Happy Birthday To You . . .

### Gold Country Healthcare Center - Placerville, California

**Billie Bedegrew** has lived at Gold Country for 14 years. She turned 103 in February of this year. She met her future husband through a friend while she was a senior at Sacramento High, and they were married while she was in college.

They had three children who all live locally and enjoy the Sierra foothills. She is the proud grandmother to six and great grandmother to three.

**Jeannie Lewis** was born in April of 1917. Jeannie resides at Gold Country where she is in close proximity to her family. Family has always been her top priority all her life. She was one of the three actresses remaining to be chosen for the lead role in "Gone with the Wind," when she decided family was a priority instead of the role of a life time. Her love of performing took her from L.A. to Sacramento, Ca where she taught dance from the 1950s to 1970s. To this day, when a band performs at Gold Country, her feet start tapping and hands start clapping.

**Eileen Hawkins** was born in Van Guard, Saskatchewan Canada to American born parents. As a child, she traveled extensively with her parents and one brother. She eventually wound up in San Bernardino CA, and at 25 she became a model for Paramount Studios.

At 32, Eileen met her future husband, Roy, at work one day. They dated for thirty days and on the last day he asked her to marry him. The next day she took a two-hour lunch break and went and married Roy. They were married for 60 years. When asked what she did to get to the age of 101, she said. "I don't know, I was kind of surprised myself"!

**Lawrence Coulter** was born in May of 1918 in San Diego CA. He lived up and down California most of his life, from the San Diego area up to the Mt. Lassen area and parts in between. Lawrence was a self-taught mechanical engineer and worked in the lumber industry until his retirement at 62. He retired to take care of his wife. He and his wife, of almost fifty years, raised four children. He has three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He and his present main squeeze Eda, have been together for 18 years. Lawrence and Eda met at the dance club he opened, The Left Foot Dance Club in Sacramento. He taught folk dancing for 35 years and taught until he was 87. He didn't stop dancing all together until the age of 92.

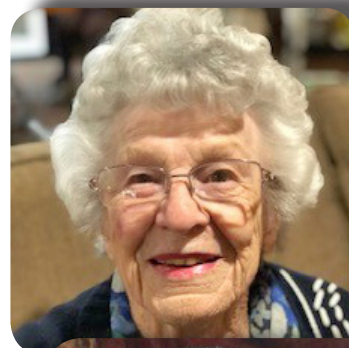
When asked what his key to longevity was he said "to drink only coffee, not water."

**Lulua Blank** was born in March of 1919 in Elrama, Pennsylvania.

She met her husband "Nord" Norwood William Blank on a double blind date at a drive-in movie. The story is she and her girlfriend decided that they didn't like the boys they were each with, so they exchanged dates.

Lulua and Nord were married when she was twenty years old. They were married for 69 years!

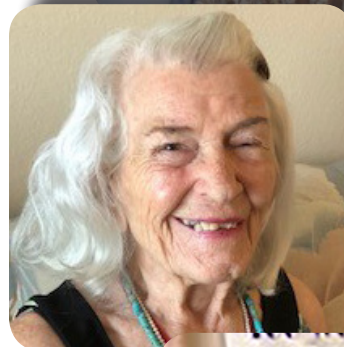
Lulua and her family lived in Long Beach and Hemet California. Lulua's favorite job was managing "The Little Petite Dress Shop," which was her last job. She managed the shop until she was 90 years old. Lulua contributes her long life to hard work and abstaining from cigarettes and alcohol.



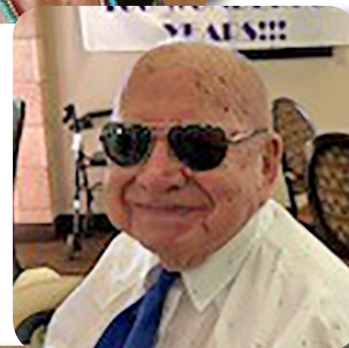
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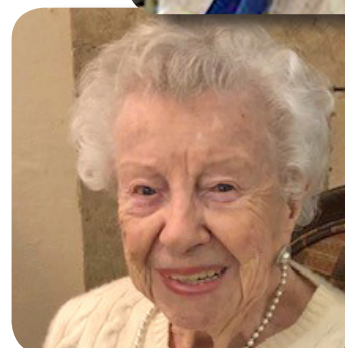
Jeannie Lewis



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Lulua  
Blank

### Happy Birthday Dear . . .



**Maurice  
"Mo"  
Moberg**

#### **Gold Country Healthcare Center - Placerville, California (cont.)**

Mr. Maurice "Mo" Moberg was born in April of 1919 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mo was working at a gas station near a street car line and kept seeing the same attractive woman (Hazel) get off the streetcar. Eventually she said hello and Mo asked her out for a date. Their first date was to a baseball game. He and his wife Hazel were married for 66 years and had two children.

He was drafted into the Army (13th Airforce) and was away from his wife and baby for almost three years. After his discharge he went to work for a heating & cooling company, eventually moving to California with his family. Mo retired at the age of 77!

Mo feels lucky to have had Hazel for his wife and is very proud of his two children.



**Myrta  
Schiebelhut**

#### **Auburn Ravine Terrace - Auburn, California**

Myrta Schiebelhut turned 101 this year. When asked what she would like to do for her birthday, she stated, "Well, you've done most everything when you've turned 100."

Myrta Schiebelhut was born in Sacramento CA in 1918. Her family then moved to Fresno CA, where Myrta grew up. She met her husband, John Schiebelhut, and they were married on the 4th of July, Myrta's favorite holiday. John and Myrta were blessed with three daughters.



**Teresita  
De Guevera**

When the girls grew up, Myrta's husband John was offered a job in Hawaii on the island of Maui, to work for a golf course. John accepted the job and they lived on Maui for twenty plus years.

#### **West Valley Towers - Van Nuys, California**

Teresita De Guevera was born in 1916 in El Salvador and has been a resident of West Valley Towers since 1998.

She came to the United States with her seven children in 1981 and now has 12 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Teresita is very involved with her local church and participates in Project H.A.N.D.S. ® at West Valley Towers.

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Virginia B. Williams turned 102 in March of this year. She has always been like the energizer bunny with rechargeable batteries. She is enthusiastic and loves activities, people and to be busy. Boredom is her biggest enemy. No matter what her shelf life date is, she intends to live her life to the fullest.



**Virginia  
Williams**

#### **Bixby Knolls Towers – Long Beach, California**

Jim Lavia will be 102 in May and is a WWII veteran and has three children.

Pat Russell celebrated 102 in April. She was a secretary and worked for a pathologist, but never watched an autopsy. She has two daughters.



**Jim  
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During the 2018 holiday season, RHF Charitable Foundation provided toys and gift cards to over 1,500 children living in our communities. Klein Manor, Harbor Tower, and Bixby Knolls Towers volunteers (we call them the RHF Wrappers), lovingly wrapped the toys alongside RHF team members and Advisory Commission members.

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### RHF Charitable Foundation Approved As a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Member



In the summer of 2018, Philanthropy was again notified that our CFC application was approved. This makes it easier for federal employees to make a donation to us via payroll deduction and/or check. We received assistance from Health and Human Services Charities of America, a non-profit organization and a federation that reviews applications and distributes donated funds. There are currently more than 30 federations within the CFC, most of them organized around a specific theme. Approximately 1,900 national organizations and 40,000 local organizations qualify for the CFC annually.

# *RHF Team Givers*

Our staff members perform important daily duties to make shelter and service a reality for the people we serve. Staff members who additionally choose to voluntarily support RHF Charitable Foundation through monetary donations are contributing to the fiscal health of our mission. We are extremely grateful for their optional financial commitment as well as the investment they already have made with their hearts, lives and careers.

The following staff members personally contributed to our mission since our last newsletter:

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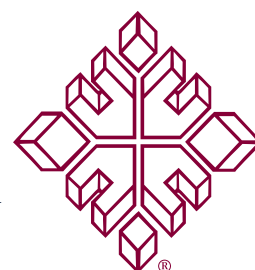


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## We Wish You Well!

This May RHF will be losing a tremendous team member and an incredible asset to the organization when Cheryl Howell retires after working at RHF for more than 20 years.

That contribution was recognized at this year's annual meeting when Cheryl became the first recipient of the newly created Reinhold Klein Award. This award was created to recognize staff who have made a significant impact on the RHF organization.

Reinhold Klein was one of the three founders of RHF in 1961 and he was its first paid employee. Historical documents reveal his steadfast vision, dedication, time and financial sacrifices preserved the foundation during turbulent times. Currently, Rev. Klein resides at Bixby Knolls Towers, an RHF community in Long Beach, CA.

Cheryl began her career with RHF on August 3, 1998, as an Executive Secretary and Manager of Administrative Services. On August 3, 2002, Cheryl was promoted to Executive Assistant to the President and Director of Administrative Services. On October 31, 2003, the Board named her as a member of Senior Staff. On June 1, 2012, Cheryl was promoted to Vice President of Administrative Services.

This newly created award is given to Cheryl for continually promoting the cause and mission of RHF and serving in an exemplary manner that has enhanced the life of the Board of Directors and the family of RHF. She has displayed a strong sense of commitment and dedication to the welfare of all the programs, events, and employment for the furtherance of the RHF mission.

We are grateful for Cheryl's 20 years of service to RHF's mission, and wish her the very best in her upcoming retirement.

She will be missed.

