February: A Time to Celebrate True Love

I recently watched the fairy tale Maleficent; an intriguing twist on the fairy tale of Sleeping Beauty or the much more eloquent title on the book on which the movie was based “La Belle au Bois Dormant.” You remember the story: “A vengeful fairy places a curse on the king’s infant daughter, Aurora, such that on her 16th birthday the princess will prick her finger on a spinning wheel and go into an eternal sleep. One of the good fairies softens the spell such that it can be broken by true love’s kiss. In this version, while the child is being raised in the forest by the ditzy good fairies, Maleficent comes to be the child’s guardian and protector. Finding that not even she can undo her own evil curse, when the girl turns 16, Maleficent guides the handsome young prince to the palace where he might deliver the spell breaking kiss. After the delicate kiss is placed, we wait with bated breath for the captivating blue eyes to open. But nothing happens. Huh. What kind of a fairy tale is this? In fact, it is a realistic one (as realistic as it can be with fairies and curses and such). How can this boy prince who has only just laid eyes on the beautiful sleeping 16 year old, possibly truly (or even not-so truly) love her? He might certainly be attracted to her, or have passion for her, but not “true” love for her. It is only when the previously labeled “evil” fairy tenderly kisses the sleeping Aurora, that she opens her lovely princess eyes to see the person standing over her is Maleficent: the one who had loved and protected her since she was a small child in the woods. There, I just saved you the cost of a movie ticket.

I am normally opposed to Hollywood rewriting classic books for the big screen. But, I absolved the screenplay writers because I feel it is a better portrayal of true love than story books, and Hollywood for that matter, usually manage to depict. I have nothing against romantic love, but I don’t really believe in love at first sight: At least not the kind of love that is referred to in the scriptures which according to John is a purposeful commitment to sacrificial action for another. It is not just a feeling or an emotion.

In fact, if someone really wanted to capture the essence of “true” love - they should come spend time at King’s Manor; where love stories are unfolding all around us. Day in and day out the selfless love of children wanting to give back to their parents can be seen: daughters bringing out dirty laundry and neatly folded laundry back in, day in and day out; sons sitting in the dining room visiting; lifelong friends bringing favorite foods and tidbits of news; children and grandchildren sitting at the bedside of a dying parent or grandparent- cherishing every word and every breath - trying to prepare themselves for the inevitable moment when it is only their memories that will be left to cherish.

Corinthians 13 is so often read as part of wedding vows. Here can be seen Corinthians 13:7 in real time, in flesh and blood, verse 7 in particular plays out before us: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. These walls witness spouses bearing incredible physical and emotional burdens in the name of caring for their mate, hoping beyond hope for healing and restoration, and enduring harsh realities despite all efforts. What is so often left out of the element of love stories is this commitment to another person, sometimes when nothing is given in return. There is a sacrifice and an investment of time, energy, money and emotion. Yes, there is sadness to bear. Yes, there is pain to endure. But here, there is also such deep hope and such great love that all else pales in comparison. This is true love.

Happy Valentine’s Day. May true love find you, and may you find true love.

Shelly Moss
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Re-dedication Ceremony

Bishop Earl Bledsoe and his wife Sheila came for a first time tour of the facility in December of 2014. They had never been to the facility before but were so impressed, that they very much wanted to come back and see the completed project. Earl Bledsoe further expressed the desire to perform a rededication ceremony upon the re-opening of assisted living. His next few weeks will be busy as he travels to Africa and then on to New York. But, he considered us important enough to fit us in to his remarkable schedule and will be here at King’s Manor in Hereford, Texas on March 8th to perform the ceremony after which there will be an open house to celebrate and commemorate our re-opening.

The Board and Staff of
King’s Manor are pleased to invite you to a
Rededication Ceremony of King’s Manor
Bishop Earl Bledsoe
Northwest Texas Annual Conference
Presiding
Sunday, March 8, 2015
3:00 p.m. Litany of Dedication
Open House and tours immediately following

Angels Among Us

In the backdrop of the completed kitchen and assisted living, shine the souls of our displaced assisted living residents and the independent living residents whose lives were turned upside down as well. These individuals have been patient and understanding. They were told (countless times) “just a few more weeks,” and they kept on smiling. The smiles, reassurances and patience of our winged residents have been appreciated beyond expression. It is you for whom we have been the saddest, and also you for whom we are most grateful.

Assisted Living Is Back in Business!

After floods one and two (rather like Dr. Seuss’ Thing 1 and Thing 2) played havoc on our Assisted Living, we are BACK IN BUSINESS! The Department of Aging and Disability gave us a zero deficiency survey and the green light to move the rest of our residents home. And so the process began. The first meal was served in the Manor dining room on January 7th, and the first residents were moved in on January 9th. At this writing, we have 15 residents back in and are working on getting some new folks in. There were days when it seemed that things would never again be the same: and in truth they never will be. They are better! Newly textured walls and ceilings, ceiling fans, HVAC systems, new furniture and shiny new floors adorn the new improved version.

After news of recent fires in other Texas senior living facilities, it is comforting to know that we now have the safety of a fire suppression system ensuring that our residents are safe. It is a beautiful sight to behold our independent living and assisted living residents back in the dining room again enjoying food from our newly remodeled kitchen. We savor every bite! This is the final installment of the “Fire, and Water” Saga.

Thank you for your patience and support through the ups and downs of these many months.

God is good. Always.
Our Appreciation . . .

Donations to King’s Manor
Caviness Beef Packers
Patsy & Scott Douglass
Ginger & Joe Wallace
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Memorial Fund
Donald Douglas
Jackie & A.W. Shoffit

In Honor of:
Billie Jo & Warren Gee
Adella Mathers
Heather Cole
Dr. A.T. Mims
Cindy & Edward Mims

Memorials to King’s Manor
Coy Tice
The Culpepper Family
Kevin Cardinal
The Culpepper Family
Ercel Brashear
Joyce & Lynton Allred
Roswitha & Don Frevert
Margret & Joe Jones, Jr.
The Winget Family
Gladys & G.C. Merritt
Dave Hopper
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Ed & Mary Kay McMillan
Judy & Ed Anderson
Roxanna Hill
Martha Davis
Kathy & Edward Allison
Rosalee McGowen
Traci & Wayne Gilmer
Dan Hevelone
Mary Jane Burrus
Zula & Jim Arney
Ann Eicke
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Linda Vermillion
Zula & Jim Arney

Iizzie Bushart
Ann & Dave Brandon
Caroline & Terry Gilley
FUMC Sanctuary Choir
Karen & Scott Keeling

Don Brooks
Joyce & Bussy Kaul

Ronnie Andrews
Class of 1964
Missy & Scott Wilcox
Monica & Arvell Williams
Gladys & G.C. Merritt
Karen & Scott Keeling

Mary Lou Williams
Linda & BJ Gililand

Mack Lee
Gladys & G.C. Merritt
Missy & Scott Wilcox

Memorials to
Samaritan Hospice
Susan Baker
The Baptist Bunko Babes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Employees:
Rosie Tijerina.................. 2/06
Bertha Rodriguez............... 2/16
Roxanne Villarreal............. 2/16
Karina Villarreal.............. 2/22
Guadalupe Escobedo............ 2/24
Tina Valdez.................... 2/27

Manor:
Katherine Smith ............... 2/08
Sue Andrews ................... 2/20
Beth Boles ...................... 2/25

Westgate:
Ruben Losolla.................. 2/23
Helen Langley................... 2/25

Childcare:
Perla Martinez................ 2/24

Welcome
King’s Manor extends a warm welcome to:
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Westgate:
Ascencion Casarez
Aurora Garcia
Jane Garth
Gerald Payne
Girlendene Wiggins

Assisted Living:
Frankie Barrett
Jolene Bledsoe
Jeanie Caison
Betty Jo Carlson
Norma Carlson
Mary Dean
Lavon Nieman
Teresa Paetzold
Mary Peace
Elmer Reinart
Irene Reinart
Kathryn Robinson
Arthur & Lillian Schreck
Jeanette Thurman
Benny Womble

You’re Invited to:
King’s Manor’s
Annual Valentine’s
Sweetheart Dinner
Sunday, February 8, 2015
12:30 p.m. • Lamar Room
Adults—$12.00
Children Under 10—$6.00

Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu,
Rice Pilaf, Green Beans
Almondine, Salad, Dinner
Rolls, Cheesecake

Please RSVP
364-0661
Activity News

“Home Sweet Home” is all that comes to mind at this time! We have made it back to Assisted Living and I can’t express how great it is to see all the residents eating in the dining room, playing dominos, having the Bridge Club ladies back playing cards, being able to use the intercom to call everyone in for meals, I could go on and on... What blessings are in the little things that I so took for granted a year ago.

After a lot of pondering and trying to remember the daily schedules, the calendar for February will be in full force. I think we are on the right path to getting back into the swing of things. We may still have some oops since it has been awhile, but it will all come together day by day.

As we unpacked the boxes that have been tucked away for awhile, it was like Christmas in January. I had forgotten about the new furniture that had not been put out in the lobby and the new game room tables and chairs that we had just started to use before the fire. How exciting it was as we unwrapped the furniture. It was if I were a child with a new doll on Christmas! We are still emptying boxes and will be for a while. The excitement of watching the residents smile as their things are put in their rooms also adds a big smile on our faces which may not be removed for a long time. It is amazing when all things come to an end, it is all good. The worry, stress, and confusion seem to be like a healed scar with your pain just a memory. Then, I wonder why I was even worried... funny how that works!

Let me give you some special occasions to look forward to in February. The first special event is that we have a complete calendar ... just kidding! Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 11:00 am we will have exercise. Tuesday mornings we hope to resume Bible Study at 11:00 am. After lunch of course, we will have table games and the next activity will be at 3:00 pm each afternoon, so be sure to check your calendars for daily events. On February 8th at 12:30 pm, we will be having our Annual Valentine’s Banquet, so save the date and please RSVP to me or the front office by February 5th. I am so looking forward to seeing you all. After you have looked over the calendar, if you see that I have an oops or have overlooked something, please let me know. I am so glad to be back in the swing of things and I pray that everyone coming back to Assisted Living will have a smooth transition. I hope they enjoy finding things in the boxes that they may have forgotten and if you are missing things, please let us know. We still have plenty of boxes to unpack and we also have a lost and found room. I hope you have a great month, that I will see you at the Valentine’s Banquet and that the Groundhog doesn’t disappoint you!

Happy Valentine’s Day and Welcome Home,
Brenda Blacksher/Activity Director

Country Store Closed

After careful consideration, King’s Manor has decided not to reopen the Country Store. We thank you for your previous support of this endeavor.

Manley Burrow, Gary Shelton, Dr. Trow Mims, Billy Warrick, Sue Andrews and Ronnie Buse are all glad to be back in the Manor Dining Room.
Mary Peace is proud of her updated room in Assisted Living.

Elmer and Irene Reinart wait to be served lunch in the Manor Dining Room.

Billy Warrick, Teresa Paetzold, Betty Jo Carlson, and Jeanie Caison play dominoes after lunch.

Jackie DelaCerda, Sarah Huerta and Anna Lopez prepare to assist residents.

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A Continuing Care Retirement Community offering

Independent Living: Houses and Cottages
Assisted Living: Private Apartments

24 - Hour Nursing Care: offering long-term care, respite care, physical and occupational therapy and quality nursing services. Private Pay, Medicare, Medicaid and Insurance.

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