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Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Benefit LSM

For many years Lutheran Sunset Ministries has enjoyed relationships that help LSM grow and progress, expanding its ability to offer more services, care, and programs. Both Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans are organizations that have provided a financial benefit to LSM.

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest was founded a number of years ago to support Lutheran agencies in Texas. One of the services the Foundation offers is to work with individuals setting up deferred gifts or planned giving. LSM has been a recipient of planned giving and the amount that is received each year has reached beyond \$100,000 annually. Lutheran Foundation is a great resource for estate planning and planned giving.

Another organization that has been a long-time support to LSM is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Waco Area Chapter. Each year they provide matching funds to the Annual Quilt Auction in an amount over \$1500, and on occasion provided a regional grant in the amount of \$10,000. Another opportunity with Thrivent is Thrivent Choice where individuals can direct Thrivent dollars as they chose.

LSM is very grateful for the ongoing support of these two organizations and will be glad to provide additional contact information to interested persons.



Pictured above: David Johnson, Director of Advancement of Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest delivers the annual distribution check in the amount of \$118,000 to Rodney Rueter, President/CEO.



Pictured above: Tim Griesse, Wealth Advisor of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans delivers matching funds in the amount of \$1600 for the 22nd Annual Quilt Auction from the Waco Area Chapter.

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Message from the President

By now Happy New Year seems out of date to say but since this is the first Sunset News of the year, it is still appropriate so HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope your year is off to a good start. We often start the New Year by reflecting on the past year and I will do that for only two topics.

First, we had the highest dollar total of individual's donations to Lutheran Sunset Ministries in December than we have ever had to my knowledge excluding capital campaigns. We are so thankful and blessed to have supporters like you who believe in LSM and what we are doing here.

Secondly, we are intentionally challenging each other to have more fun at work. We have hard enough jobs in the running of the ministry and providing for our residents and sometimes we need to "lighten up".

To those ends, we are scheduling various events that typically have not occurred. There is reference to that in the pictures and article below. I think I need to make a response to the FALSE allegations made in the article about my actions in The Great Pancake Throw Down. The contest was a pancake cooking contest. That's it. No other rules, guidelines, etc. So the fact that I came prepared with delicious ingredients and toppings was not a violation of any kind. As far as stacking the judging panel, I only had one relative of the five or six who cast votes and I did not select the panel. That is hardly stacking the vote.

Our next contest is baking a cake and that contest is reserved for the ladies, so my cake baking skills will have to wait for another opportunity! Until then, have fun!



The GREAT Pancake THROW DOWN

Challengers for the Cook-off

Raymond Zuehlke

Rodney Rueter

Ron Diebold

Kyle Bloodworth



You could smell the tension in the air - (or was that burnt pancakes?) - at the Great Pancake Throw Down when Raymond (Interim Administrator), Rodney (CEO), Ron (Chef), and Kyle (Director of Environmental Services) challenged each other on their skills at making exceptional pancakes.

Bets were on that Chef Ron would run away with the prize, but Rodney claimed the title. Some accused him of stacking the judging panel with relatives and using enticing flavorings in his mix.

All are patiently waiting for the next challenge.

"Our Hearts Beat True for the Red, White and Blue"



Clara Dee Bronstad, a long-time leader of the local VFW Auxiliary leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Honoring our veterans each November is a tradition for Lutheran Sunset Ministries established about 10 years ago. The Bosque River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution now joins with LSM in hosting the community-wide event which invites all veterans to participate.

Highlights of this year's event included a musical tribute on the piano by Steve Watson of Clifton, and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner on the violin by Coy Foote. Along with the musical tributes were presentations of the poem, "Red, White, and Blue" read by LSM Activity Director, Rhonda Terrell, and "The Ragged Old Flag" written by Johnny Cash and read by Sherrod Fielden, U.S. Navy Veteran.

Also included in the program was the Posting of Colors by Baylor Army/Air Force ROTC, the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag," recognition of veterans by their branch of service, and speakers: Rodney Rueter, President/CEO of Lutheran Sunset Ministries; Stephanie Williams, U.S. Air Force, Ret.; Sue Fielden, DAR member; and Colonel James T. Williams, U.S. Air Force, Ret.

At present 36 veterans, both men and women, reside on the LSM campus representing the U.S. Marines, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, and the Texas Army National Guard.



Pictured above: Sue Fielden, representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution Bosque River Valley Chapter, and Colonel James T. Williams, Air Force, Ret. participated in the program along with Coy Foote, U.S. Army Veteran who played The Star Spangled Banner as the audience sang along.

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Volunteerism Thrives at LSM



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Volunteers Served 11,720 Hours in 2013

Photos on this page show our volunteers in action.

1. Billye Dunnahoe & Mina Bergman chatting by the jewelry case at the Pot 'o Gold.
2. Volunteers waiting to display quilts.
3. Helon & Trent Knudson getting things ready for bidding at the Quilt Auction.
4. Cloggers & Tappers at Sunset Home.
5. Santa stopped by Womack Neighborhood on his way from the North Pole.
6. David Lloyd looks over the displays at the Pot 'o Gold.
7. Barbara Anderson, Wanda Hines, Helon Knudson, Sandra Windsor, Mary Ann Jordet, & Pam Hubbard host a 50's party at Sunset Home.



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