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February Church Schedule

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm in Heritage Hall

2/7 Reverend Jan Dimick, St. John's Methodist Church

2/14 Imposition of Ashes Service by Deacon Ray Moore of St. Anne Catholic Church

2/21 Reverend Jason Anderson, Hopewell Presbyterian

2/28 Reverend Jon Oliphant, First ARP Church of Rock Hill

Sunday, 2/11 Deacon Andrew DaSilva of St. Anne Catholic Church

If you would like to suggest someone to conduct a Wednesday church service, please contact Arzu Uranli, Resident Services Director.

All Denominations are welcome!



Valentine's Day

This month's cover art is provided by artist and resident, Juanita Eising.

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Men's Devotionals with David

Our daily routines sometimes condition us into comfortable living. We settle for repeated rhythms and expect our lives to never change. Our hearts long for more, but we settle for less.

Time spent with God's presence empowers us to be men of character, strength, and integrity.

Let's allow Jesus to disrupt our daily pattern of living and allow us to see the alternate life He wants us to lead:

- A life that satisfies beyond our temporary needs and desires.
- A life that brings light to our work and play.
- A life that spills over to the people around us. A life that generates more life.

Men, please join David Bottenfield in the Community Room every Friday morning at 8:30 am for 30 minutes of devotion, prayer & fellowship to grow in our faith.

Bring your prayer requests!



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Love is in the Air

by Lou Ardrey

In February, our thoughts turn to love. We send valentines to friends, men send the girl of their dreams boxes of chocolates, we hear love songs on the radio and TV, and we see red hearts displayed everywhere

The most beautiful, complete description of love is found in God's Word. The words of 1 Corinthians 13 :1-8, 13 were written by the Apostle Paul who knew God's love in a very profound way. He was rescued from a life of hating Christians and trying to destroy the church to being transformed into a great evangelist....sharing the Good News of the love of God with people all over the known world of his day.

These are the words he wrote:

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but I have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres, Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. "

Following those powerful words has saved marriages, restored friendships, and healed broken relationships. Love never fails.

February is Election Time

by Ed FitzGerald

South Carolina's Election Primaries are among the Nation's earliest. The Democratic Primary is scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd, followed by the Republican Primary on Saturday, February 24th. These primaries are "open" and registered voters can vote in the primary of their choice. You can vote in only one primary. The Activities Department will be providing transportation to the Tower's polling location (Richmond Drive Elementary School) on voting day from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Please sign up at the bulletin board; both signup sheets are in the book.

There are four ways to update your Voter Information

1. Submit an online voter registration form. Online registration requires a S.C. Driver's License or DMV ID Card. You must first update your information with DMV before submitting a voter registration form.
2. Download a change of address form, print it, fill it out, and either:
 - Mail the form to your county board of voter registration, or
 - fax the form to your county board of voter registration, or
 - scan the form and email the image as a file attachment to your county voter registration office.
3. Fill out the back of your voter registration card and mail it to your county voter registration office.
4. Visit your county voter registration office and fill out a change of address form.

Voting is essential to maintaining our democracy - so please plan on voting!



In the Fullness of Time - And Suddenly

by Nancy Anderson

Have you ever had to wait a long time for the Lord to answer your prayers? Does it seem like the wait drags on and on? Do you ever feel tempted to give up praying? Have you gotten angry over the passing of time with no answers in sight?

It is so confusing, isn't it? We know that God is sovereign, all powerful, all knowing, always present, always loving, always moving throughout human history with purpose towards a glorious end. At the same time, however, humans, as well as nature, spiral downward into chaos and destruction. We wonder what God is doing. When we fail to dwell on His attributes, we wonder if He cares, or what He is waiting for.

Two concepts are repeated over and over in the Bible – “in the fullness of time” and “suddenly.” The most obvious example is the birth of Jesus. Galatians 4:4 states it this way: “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman....” And his birth was announced by an angel to shepherds, then accompanied by a whole host of angels praising God – suddenly!

There are many examples of these two concepts throughout Scripture. The people of Noah's generation had many years while he was building the ark to hear the truth about how the Lord was going to deal with the wickedness He saw. But when the time came that it was finished, and his family and animals were safely inside, suddenly it began to rain and there was no more time to find shelter.

Jeremiah warned the people of his generation about the judgment the Lord would surely send upon Israel if it continued in its rebellion against Him. But instead of heeding Jeremiah's warnings, they ridiculed him, mistreated him, and even threatened to take his life. Yet the Babylonians came just as he prophesied, and the people had no more time to repent and forsake their evil ways. Off to 70 years of captivity they went.

Before the Lord returned to heaven, He instructed his disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to be given to them. At the right time, Acts 2:2 records it this way: “And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind” as the Holy Spirit came upon them. Only then were they empowered to evangelize their world.

Ephesians 1:10 speaks of a future “fullness of time” when Christ will unite all things, both in heaven and on earth. But before that, the book of Revelation speaks about judgment coming “in a single hour.” (Revelation 18:10)

The fact is, there is a fullness of time in our lives as well, known only by the Lord himself, and it most certainly doesn't fit our time frame. The words to a chorus we learned states it this way: I trust in you, O Lord, I say, “You are my God. My times are in Your hands, my times are in Your hands.” Blessed be the Lord, For He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me, His steadfast love to me!

May the Lord give us all the “and suddenly” moment (in His time) for which we are praying while we continuously reaffirm His steadfast love to us!!

The Ups & Downs

The new South Elevator has been installed and is finally working properly after a few minor adjustments.

Work is progressing smoothly on the second North Elevator, depending on the weather and the usual mechanical preparations. There have been a few small glitches requiring a couple of rescues by our Resident Maintenance Supervisor.

For those who are attempting to decipher the panel of buttons to the left of the elevator door, in the few seconds to and from their up and down destinations, the WINDOWS staff has received frustrated pleas to decode the panel so that you and future generations of elevator passengers will be fully informed.

The telephone button is used when one is trapped in the elevator and when the door does not open in a timely manner. The telephone button is a warning bell to the Fire Dept. directly to signal that someone is in distress. Remain calm. Should one become tired, sit on floor or walker and wait. A little prayer wouldn't hurt to pass the time and appeal to a Higher Authority for patience.

Fear is the challenge one faces in a worst-case scenario involving stuck elevators. Many of these fears have originated from previous accident stories we've heard about. More prevalent, however, elevator stories have originated in the fertile imaginations of story tellers, movie makers, and Rod Serling's old "Twilight Zone" mystery series. Let's look at some of our fears more closely in order to debunk some of the fictionalized scenarios seen in the past.

First of all, elevators are no longer hung by four cables within the shaft. These are obsolete. They were subject to being cut or wearing thin over time. Today, there is a central metal pole device which is buried seven stories deep into the ground (for a seven-story tall building). All ground water is eliminated and top-notch, up-to-date technology is utilized in all aspects during subsequent construction.

Other conjectured theories re elevator crashes, in previous ages of technology, have included the theory that sitting down or lying flat might lessen bodily damage in a crash.

Supposedly this was to distribute weight and gravity of pain throughout the body in a last minute so-called effort at survival in crash mode emergency conditions.



FIREFIGHTERS' OPERATION



Now realistically speaking, "Who would have the presence of mind, in such a dire scenario, to remember to do such a thing?" The worst tragedy, however, we should fear at this time, should be an escalation of improper elevator etiquette!!

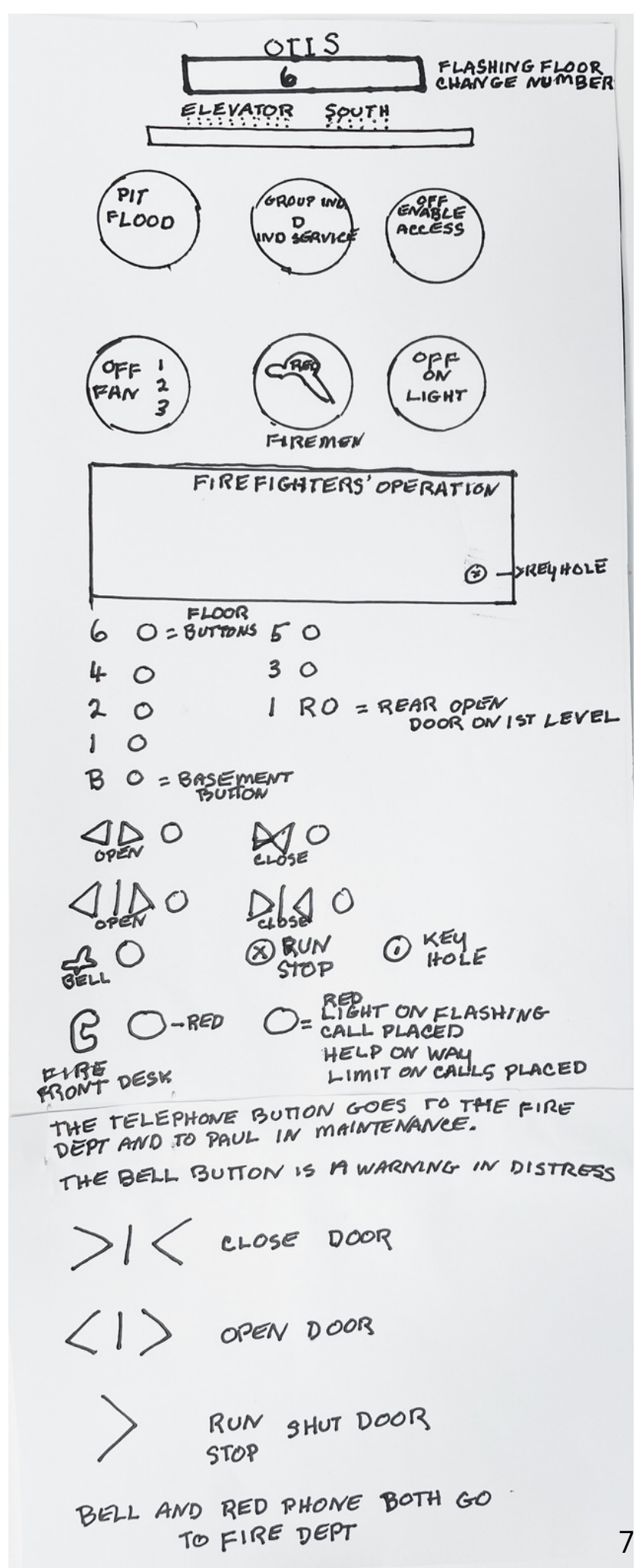
- Stand back from the door to allow those exiting to disembark.
- Step briskly (without dawdling or finishing a conversation).
- Move forward briskly without lingering for an afternoon chat or nap when the door opens.

Do not attempt to hold back the elevator door with a hand or arm. Plant foot firmly on the metal threshold, or over it to enter briskly.

(The indicator to stop the door lies in that metal floor strip.) Trying to hold the door may indicate to the pre-set interior indicators that something may be wrong when it is NOT. Thereby it's indicators are fouled up in the internal machinery in an attempt mechanically to make a correction.

Upon entering, stand toward rear if going to exit on upper floors. Turn walkers around immediately to head outward, not sideways. Be kind to those who have not studied proper elevator etiquette by reading this informative and instructive missive for future reference.

Tongue-in-cheek Submission By
Carole L. Partridge



February Outings

Signup at the Bulletin Board

Friday, February 2, at 10:00 am.
Brunch/Lunch at IHop

Saturday, February 3, 10:30 - 11:30 am.
Transportation to Richmond Elementary School for the Democratic Primary Election.

Wednesday, February 7, at 9:45 am.
Tour of Rock Hill 911 Center and lunch at Ruby Tuesday's.

Wednesday, February 7, at 6:00 pm.
Winthrop vs. Charleston Southern basketball game.

Friday, February 9, at 11:00 am.
Ladies Lunch at Laura's Tea Room in Ridgeway, SC.

Wednesday, February 14, at 11:30 am.
Lunch at Front Porch in Richburg, SC.

Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00 pm.
Winthrop vs. Presbyterian College basketball game.

Thursday, February 22, at 10:15 am.
Lunch at Calvary Church followed by a stop at Trader Joe's.

Friday, February 23, at 9:30 am.
Winthrop University Theater Production *Noises Off!*
(Show starts at 10:00 am.)

Saturday, February 24, 10:30 - 11:30 am.
Transportation to Richmond Elementary School for the Republican Primary Election.

Wednesday, February 28, at 2:00 pm,
Guided tour of Fort Mill by Vereen Brown and a stop at The Peach Stand.

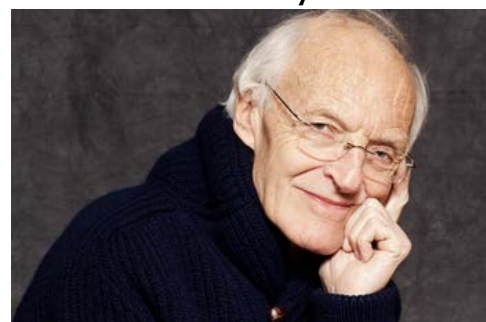
Wednesday, February 28, at 5:00 pm,
Dinner at Luigi's & Sons in Rock Hill.



Theatre Production in February

Noises Off

Conceived when English playwright Michael Frayn was watching a performance from the wings, he said, "It was funnier from behind than in front, and I thought that one day I must write a farce from behind." In this rip-roaring classic, the audience is treated to a hilarious behind-the-scenes peek at an acting troupe rehearsing and performing the farce *Nothing On*. Despite nerves, dropped lines and technical difficulties, they make it through rehearsal and open the show. As time goes by, things deteriorate until pandemonium ensues and axe-wielding co-stars, drunken cast members, and misplaced sardines take center stage during a disaster of a performance that threatens to jinx the old saying, "The show must go on." This play within a play was meta before meta was meta.



Michael Frayn

Wednesday, February 21 through Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25 at 2 p.m.

Special Outreach performance Friday, February 23 at 10 a.m.

Tickets: \$8 with Winthrop ID/\$15 general public

Johnson Theatre, Johnson Hall

The Library Committee

by Janet Yocum

The Library Committee would like to thank the residents and our Resident Association for their generous donation of \$300 to purchase new books for our library. We will be good stewards of your money. We have formed a sub-committee to ask residents what additions they would like to add to our library.

We have explored many options available to purchase books at the lowest cost. Based on your information, we have purchased 2 books through an internet website. The first book we ordered was a Pat Conroy book mentioned by many as he was a leading South Carolina author now deceased. We purchased The Lords of Discipline for \$10. Second, we have purchased a John Grisham book Sycamore Row, a hardback first edition in perfect condition for \$10. We asked Pastor Wendell Anderson to select a book of religious nature, but have not received it at this writing.

We want to recognize free donations from residents and staff. 2 copies of John Grisham's newest book, The Exchange, have been donated by Janet Yocum and Susan Sumner, Staff Receptionist. All the Light You Cannot See in large print, Pulitzer Prize book was donated by Donna Reese. Detective Stories, School Days by Robert Parker and Joe Kenda by Janet Yocum and anonymous donations.

Many books were checked out as soon as displayed. We are currently shopping for other books. New books are located on the shelf in the library.

More books recently added to the library:

Long Range and Paradise Valley by C.J. Box.

Nights in Rodanthe by Nicholas Sparks.

Deception, The Wedding Guest, and Victims by Jonathan Kellerman.

A Painted House by John Grisham.

My Gal Sunday by Mary Higgins Clark.

Purple Cane Road, Dixie City Jam, In the Moon of Red Ponies, Jolie Blon's Bounce, The Bitterroots, and Cadillac Juke Box by James Lee Burke.



Each Friday, in the weekly highlights you will find a listing for programs that will be shown on the Tower's in-house TV channel 99.

Airing now is Towers Spotlight featuring Milt & Pauline Jellum. They talk about their travels around the world and show us a few of their special souvenirs.



Also, on Channel 99 we'll be showing a video entitled "Vernon Grant, Rock Hill and the Pratzon Mural."

Jill Pratzon is an artist and art restorationist. She is dedicated to restoring the beauty and the value of original illustration art and fine art.



This 24-minute video shows her labor of love to create a mural in the style of Vernon Grant to add to Rock Hill's Mural Mile.



Dates to Celebrate in February

by Nancy Anderson

Valentine's Day on February 14 is an important day. Its origins come from ancient times, and various stories are told of how it came to be, making it very difficult to determine which is correct. In whatever way it came about, it is very popular today and celebrated in many modern nations. It has also become the day when the most weddings are recorded!

Formal Valentine cards were being produced in the 1700s, so the giving of cards became customary, as well as candy and red roses, which are a symbol of beauty and love. School children often give their friends valentines – and not just friends of the opposite sex. No matter how it started, Valentine's Day surely is one time of the year when it is important to tell those we love how much they mean to us and give them a reminder of that fact, greatly encouraged by stores. Have you ever noticed that Christmas is hardly over before Valentine cards, candy, and other gifts are on display in them?

Presidents' Day is celebrated on the third Monday in February each year, so it will be on the 24th in 2024. Since both remarkable presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, were born in the month of February, it seemed reasonable to combine the

celebration of their births into one day. Mondays were chosen with the intention of making a long weekend for American workers. Of course, stores take advantage of this also and encourage shopping on this holiday by having Presidents' Day Sales.

The Almanac states, "One of the great traditions followed for decades has been the reading by a U.S. senator of George Washington's Farewell Address in legislative session, which remains an annual event to this day." The Almanac article also notes that the story of little six-year-old George cutting down a cherry tree is not true, but rather a tale manufactured by Parson Mason Weems, a biographer of Washington, who was trying to point out how honest George was. Of course, that it was a cherry tree he supposedly chopped down has spawned the custom of baking the "no-lie cherry pie" that we all enjoy to this day! I wonder if we will have cherry pie on Presidents' Day here at the Towers.

Did you know that George Washington was not convinced he should be the president of our fledgling nation? He wrote, "My movements to the chair of government will be accompanied by feelings not unlike those of a culprit who is going to the place of his execution." We can certainly be grateful that he overcame his significant misgivings and served as our first president. And it is fitting that we remember both him and "honest Abe" each year.

Shrove, Pancake or Fat

by Cami Freeman

Depending on your Christian denomination or what part of the world you live in, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday may be called Shrove, Pancake, or Fat Tuesday.

The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word shrive, meaning absolve, as this is the last day of the Christian liturgical season before the penitential season of Lent. Popular practices include indulging in food that one might give up as their Lenten sacrifice.

The term Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday," referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the Lenten season.

The custom of eating pancakes dates back to the 16th century. It became a tradition to eat foods made with butter, eggs, sugar, and fat or lard that would need to be used up before the beginning of Lent.

Many Christian congregations observe the day by holding pancake breakfasts, as well as the ringing of church bells to remind people to repent their sins. Churches will also burn the palms distributed during the previous year's Palm Sunday to make ashes used during the services held on the very next day, Ash Wednesday.



Sweet & SALTY

by Arzu Uranli

Happy February Westminster Towers' Sweet Residents,

As some of you may have already known my mother, who lives in Turkey, has very poor health conditions. As her daughter, I'd like to be there for her in this hardship she is facing. I feel guilty not to be there the last 28 years on the days she wasn't feeling good, she was sick or on her birthdays, holidays, and/or any special days. She has been very understanding with my choice raising my family here in the US thousands of miles away from her. She has shown me that "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." as it is stated in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. She has never given me any hard feelings and tried to understand me. However, according to her doctors, this time is different, and she is very vulnerable. So, I'd like to be there for her in this difficult time. It means I will not be here when you are reading this article. I will be on FMLA for a month or maybe six weeks to care for her.

So, this time I am asking your support on this decision I have made. I will truly miss you when I am away. However, I am hoping to come back with relief and peace in my heart that, as a daughter, I was able to do something meaningful for my mother. I promise you will not even notice that I am not here because this month is filled with so many fun activities and exciting events. Get ready to discover China to have a good trip around this huge country with profound history and colorful culture. We are also planning many joyful activities to bring some love and harmony to our community since February is the month for Valentine's Day.

Since you have requested an educational session with the Fire Department, Life Enrichment combined our trip to the 911 Center with a presentation. Please, mark your calendar for the trip on Thursday, February 7th, at 9:45



am to tour the 911 Center. They are preparing a presentation for you about what to do when the fire alarms sound. If this time doesn't work for you, no worries, we are working on another presentation right here at WMT. Stay tuned for the details.

Also, David is excited to start a WMT kind of Gentlemen Club this month: "Men's Devotions" on every Friday mornings at 8:30 am. Please read his article for details.

Moreover, our staff members and residents are welcome to participate at our second traditional Chili Cook Off on Thursday, February 22nd, at the CR like we did last year. Please, check out the announcement if you like to taste a variety of delicious chillis and vote for your favorite.

Last but not least, election season is upon us. South Carolina Primaries are scheduled right after New Hampshire. The Democratic Primary is scheduled for Saturday February 3, and The Republican Primary follows on Saturday February 24. Because both elections are on Saturdays, we need your collaboration to be able to schedule multiple trips to the voting center. Please, see the sign-up sheets.

Please attend the monthly committee meetings to voice your opinions, recommendations, and concerns. Our Sweet and Salty meetings will not resume until I am

back. If you need immediate help for any of your concerns or questions, contact Jim Thomason for HomeBridge home care services; William Bosdell for Maintenance & Housekeeping and Life Enrichment services; Jennie McCall for the front desk services; Allison Mathews for the resident care services.

I cannot promise colorful photos this time, but I am sure I will have a lot to share with you when I am back. Meanwhile, please keep me and my mother in your prayers. You know you are always in mine.



A group of four older adults are seated around a small, round white table in a brightly lit room. From left to right: a woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a white jacket over a red top, is gesturing with her right hand while speaking. Opposite her, a man with grey hair, seen from the back, wears a light blue button-down shirt. To the left of the man, another woman with short white hair and glasses, wearing a striped shirt, looks towards the woman in the white jacket. On the right, a man with white hair and glasses, wearing a plaid shirt and a lanyard, sits with his hands clasped, listening. A small blue cup and some bread are on the table. The background shows a modern interior with large windows and a whiteboard.