

THE WESTVIEW COMMUNITY VOICE



Westview Retirement Community, PCRA Spring 2010

TANYA MCARTOR RETIRES FROM WESTVIEW, AFTER 16 YEARS OF SERVICE!

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Mission Statement:

Perkins County Retirement Association (PCRA) is a not-for-profit organization committed to making housing, services and programs available to older adults and their families. Through Westview, a retirement community, PCRA provides an environment that enables seniors to maintain quality of life and personal dignity. PCRA is dedicated to maintaining a Christian emphasis in all its endeavors.

Executive Director:

Ronda Hutt

Board of Directors:

Bill Wright
Bryan Sestak
Lori Zeilinger
Noel Bullock
Wendall Cruthers

Wish List for Donations:

Computers (under 2 years old)
Office supplies (copy paper, ink)
Educational supplies (books, movies)
Event supplies (contact Westview)
Carpet for the facility (\$49,000)
Sprinkler system for entire facility
Heaters for each room (\$99,000)

Please call Ronda Hutt with any questions regarding the "Wish List".

Dear friends and family of Westview,

It is with some sadness that I am writing my final letter for *The Westview Community Voice* newsletter. As many of you already know, I have accepted the position as the bookkeeper for the Perkins County School District. It has been a privilege to serve as Westview's Manager these past 16 years, and I have made many dear friendships and learned countless valuable life lessons. Looking back, I can identify some goals that Westview has reached during my time at Westview Retirement Community.

We have attained, primarily through donations, many additions to our facility that have improved the quality of life for our residents, such as the standby generator, the automatic front doors and our much-loved salad bar. We felt huge a relief when the 2-year process of re-amortization of the Westview loan with Rural Development was finished which resulted in a much lower interest rate and reduced monthly payments. This was significant help for Westview's monthly cash flow goals. We celebrated when the Pinnacle Bank loan was paid off a just couple months ago. Much credit needs to be given to the original board members Ann Regier and Cliff Colglazier for organizing the successful fund raising drives that brought about the culmination of that goal. We were thankful that the Perkins County Board of Equalization concurred with our request last year and cut the proposed increase in our real estate taxes by half.

But in the long term, these tangible successes are not the things I will remember most about my time at Westview. In the same way that an old familiar song can bring back a flood of memories, it is the sights, sounds and smells of Westview that I know will come to mind in the future most often. Here are the memories I am treasuring today:

- *A group of residents visiting while they are slowing swinging on the gliders out front on a cool summer evening,*
- *Esther Epling's resounding "AMEN" after my dinnertime prayer,*
- *The smell of frying bacon all morning long as the cooks prepare the BLT's for lunch,*
- *Gaylord Velte giving my baby James a ride up and down the halls on his scooter,*
- *Gen Bullock singing a tune as she glides back to her apartment after exercises,*
- *The whole mixture of ethnic aromas filling the dining room during our Savory Samples events,*

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- *Whitey and Betty Shirley holding hands as they head back to their apartment after dinner,*
- *Alberta Colglazier whistling during one of Florence Colson's sing-along,*
- *The whiff of hamburgers being grilled out front by Peary Thompson and Walt Smith during a Memorial Weekend Picnic,*
- *Cathy Burns and Ethel Brown coming out to lunch in their bathing suits in honor of Hawaiian Week,*
- *Ella Mae DeLancey joining the staff at their table and sharing one of her funny stories,*
- *The fragrance of Mindy Rosentrater's chocolate chip cookies,*
- *Residents' faces lighting up as they mingle with children at a Preschool PALS get together or Easter Egg Hunt,*
- *Lori McCloskey's sweet gospel songs following a Holiday Dinner,*
- *The enticing smell of Pauline Lyon's caramel rolls,*
- *Watching Gretchen Mefford and Lavene Burge clearing the dishes after dinner just because they want to be helpful,*
- *My youngest son, Sam, giggling while he is playing Skip-bo with some of his favorite "grandmas,"*
- *The residents laughing and waving as they drive by on a Westview float in the county fair parade,*
- *The aroma of Geri Mundy's homemade chicken enchiladas topped with Shelly Williams' salsa and*
- *Jesse Jeppesen stacking the plates and dishes a different way every day, challenging the gals to carry them back to the kitchen that way.*

Years ago I posted a phrase on the bulletin board in my office, and it has remained there ever since: "People may not remember exactly what you did or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel." My most sincere prayer is that I always made the residents of Westview and their families, the staff and the Westview Board of Directors feel respected, loved and appreciated. If I have done that, then my time at Westview has been well spent.

With warm regards,

Tanya McArtor

Westview Housing & Services Manager



Tanya McArtor



RONDA HUTT, NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After 20 years in banking, Ronda Hutt is now the new Executive Director at Westview Retirement Community. Her first day alone was Monday, May 17, 2010.

Ronda has been on the Westview Board of Directors for the last year-and-a-half, and feels that she will easily make the transition from Board Member to Executive Director. Ronda's Parents live at Westview, which gives her an added interest in the inner workings of the organization.

Along with being responsible for the overall leadership, management and planning, she will oversee all operational aspects, manage the budget and other financials, plan special events and activities for the facility. Ronda believes in developing additional opportunities to make sure that living at Westview is a wonderful and rewarding experience.

Ronda is a native of Perkins County, however she grew up in the Denver metropolitan area, and went to High School in Lakewood, Colorado. Her parents are originally from the Madrid area, but after living in Denver for 50 years, her parents moved back to Grant, and into Westview in October of 2007. They lived in the main building while a duplex they funded was built. They moved into the completed duplex in March of 2008.

Ronda would like to invite the public to stop in and get acquainted with her or to contact her to tour Westview at any time. You can also tour our new Westview website at www.westviewretirement.com. Ronda and her husband, Dennis, have three married daughters and three grandchildren.



Ronda Hutt, Executive Director

GERI, ONE GREAT COOK AT WESTVIEW!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Geri (Manzanares) Mundy was born in Pueblo, Colorado in 1957. She had seven sisters and four brothers and was the third youngest child in the family. She grew up in Denver and attended Manuel High School. Geri has been a hard worker her whole life. When she was only 15, she got her first job as a janitor. After she graduated from high school in 1975, she began working in the deli at Safeway in Arvada, Colorado. This must have been when her love of serving the public began. She was employed with Safeway for 11 years and knew many of the customers on a first-name basis.

In 1990 Geri moved to Grant and obtained a position in the kitchen at Perkins County Community Hospi-

tal. Westview was fortunate enough to hire Geri in December of 1992 as our head cook. She has been here since our doors opened the following month. Many of us remember her daughter, Samantha, who also worked at Westview as a kitchen assistant and companion during her high school years. It was a joy to watch Samantha grow up. She is now employed as a physical therapist assistant at Centennial Park Retirement Village in North Platte. Geri married her present husband, Butch Mundy, in 2008. Butch keeps very busy with his plumbing business.

Geri is very well liked by the residents. It is obvious by her actions that she always has the residents' best interests in mind. She's a perfectionist, as you can tell by viewing her im-



Geri & Staff in the Westview Kitchen

maculate kitchen. Part of Westview's reputation for excellence can be attributed to Geri's good cooking! Thanks for all you do for us, Geri!



*Please See Our New Westview Website at
www.westviewretirement.com*

PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO WESTVIEW!

The mission of the *Westview Retirement Community* is funded by the generosity of concerned individuals, business and organizations, just like you! Some ways to give to Westview include:

Planned Giving:

The programs of *Westview Retirement Community* are made possible through the generosity and commitment of its donors. A planned gift helps to carry out the Westview mission, while furthering donor's financial goals. Planned gifts might generally be described as thoughtful gifts of assets, oftentimes over and above what might be donated on a weekly or monthly basis. Such gifts often include significant tax-planning and tax-saving opportunities and may necessitate the coordination of legal tax advisors. The planned giving program at *Westview Retirement*

Community is also on the Westview website at www.westviewretirement.com. Planned gifts traditionally encompass several major strategies.

- *Appreciated Assets,*
- *Bequests (Wills)*
- *Life Insurance*
- *Charitable Trusts*
- *Retirement Assets*
- *Life Estate*

Please consider giving a planned gift to *Westview Retirement Community*. Westview is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt, nonprofit organization that depends on the generosity of donors like you to enable its mission! ***Please call Ronda Hutt for more information on Planned Giving at 308-352-2133.***