



News From the Auxiliary



The purpose of the Saint Simeon's Auxiliary is to enrich and enhance the lives of the Residents of Saint Simeons.

Re-Greening at Saint Simeon's

The Auxiliary Landscape Committee has been leading the effort to replace trees lost in the 2007 Ice Storm. In the fall more trees will be planted in the outdoor areas of the Home's new Assisted Living Center.

Resident Tom Freeman helped obtain and coordinate the planting of a wide variety of trees that were graciously donated by Up with Trees through the Re-green Tulsa Program. The varieties include Bald Cypress, Dogwood, Lace Bark Elm, Magnolias, Oaks, Maples and Redbuds.

George Harrington contacted the Thunderbird Academy and through the academy's community service program arranged for the much needed labor to plant over 200 trees.



Resident Tom Freeman coordinated the planting of over 200 new trees.

Two days were spent planting the trees. Fortunately this occurred prior to the rain Tulsa received in May which helped with the establishment of the trees. A manual watering regime is now in place to maintain the trees.



A big Thank You goes to the Thunderbird Academy and the Auxiliary volunteers, George Harrington, Tom Freeman, and Mary Lou Havener, as well as Arn McJilton, Environmental Services Director, and Tadd Weese, Maintenance Supervisor, all of whom participated in the much needed endeavor.

The Thunderbird Academy provided "tree planting" labor through their community service program.

We welcome the newest Auxiliary members:

*Ron Fick *
Susan Smauder*

*Bobbie Stauss
Evelyn Wegener*

** Indicates Lifetime Member*

*All Residents, Family Members & Friends are
welcome to join the Auxiliary.*

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Annual Membership

***It's not too late to renew your
Auxiliary Membership for 2009 - 2010***

*Thank you to those who have newly joined or
renewed your membership!*

*To ensure your listing as an Auxiliary Member in
the new directory we must have your membership
fee by June 30th.*

*The goals of the Auxiliary could not be achieved
without the time, talents and financial support of
our members.*

Roots n' Shoots n' Critters *Written by Kathy Hinkle*

We recently had a beautiful **Redbud** (over six feet tall) planted in honor of **Marilyn Baker** for her Birthday and Mother's Day. She can see it just across from her



Assisted Living patio in the Gazebo Courtyard. Her daughters, **Revelle Clausing** and **Debbie Baker**, and family friend, **Sheri Renfrow**, had the tree planted.

It is wonderful to see all the young trees that were planted by the **Thunderbird Youth Academy**. (See related article and photos on page 6.) Because many of the community service projects these youth work on may involve things like picking up trash, they really enjoyed planting trees – hard work though it was. Maybe when they grow up and have kids of their own they can bring them back and show them the very trees they planted. One thing that makes Saint Simeon's special is our beautiful natural setting. Many of our trees were planted at the time Saint Simeon's was first built and they have grown old with us. Over time we have lost trees to age, disease or ice storms and these young saplings have big shoes to fill.

*The true meaning of life is to plant trees,
under whose shade you do not expect to sit.*

Nelson Henderson

Did you get to see the beautiful cut flower centerpieces in the Dining Rooms throughout the Home? Those were the flowers used at Southern Hills Country Club when Tom and Meredith Brokaw visited here. **Toni's Flowers and Gifts** created the arrangements using peonies, roses and orchids and **Phyllis Dotson** made sure that our Residents also got to enjoy them.

The birds and the bees are famously busy this time of year and ours have been no exception. At least two of our **Peahens** are sitting on eggs – one in each courtyard. We already have seven Peafowl (two males and five females) so this next generation will need to find a home elsewhere after we get to enjoy watching them

grow up a little. Ditto our **Koi** and **Goldfish**. When **Mary Lou Havener** does the "Spring Cleanout" of the pond she will again be catching some of our "extra fish". We need to limit the number of fish to keep the pond and the fish healthy.

Want to see something you won't see every day? Look out the Crossroads Dining Room windows into the Rose Garden Patio and growing there is an "**Upside Down Tomato**". **Mary Newman** brought it for the residents to enjoy – especially her mom, **Ruth Matlock**. **Les Starks** with the **Major Group** was innovative enough to create a hanger strong enough to suspend it in the air. Let's see which way the tomato grows. Two formidable forces are acting on it – the sun and gravity!

As you know a litter of Golden Retrievers is growing up as we speak, one of which will become **Simone II** – though Simone, the Wonder Dog, is very much still with us. This was an unusually small litter for Goldens (only three puppies) so they are being very well fed by their mother. The breeder is sending almost weekly photos and in their first few weeks the puppies have been described as looking like either manatees or walrus - but in a cute way!



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