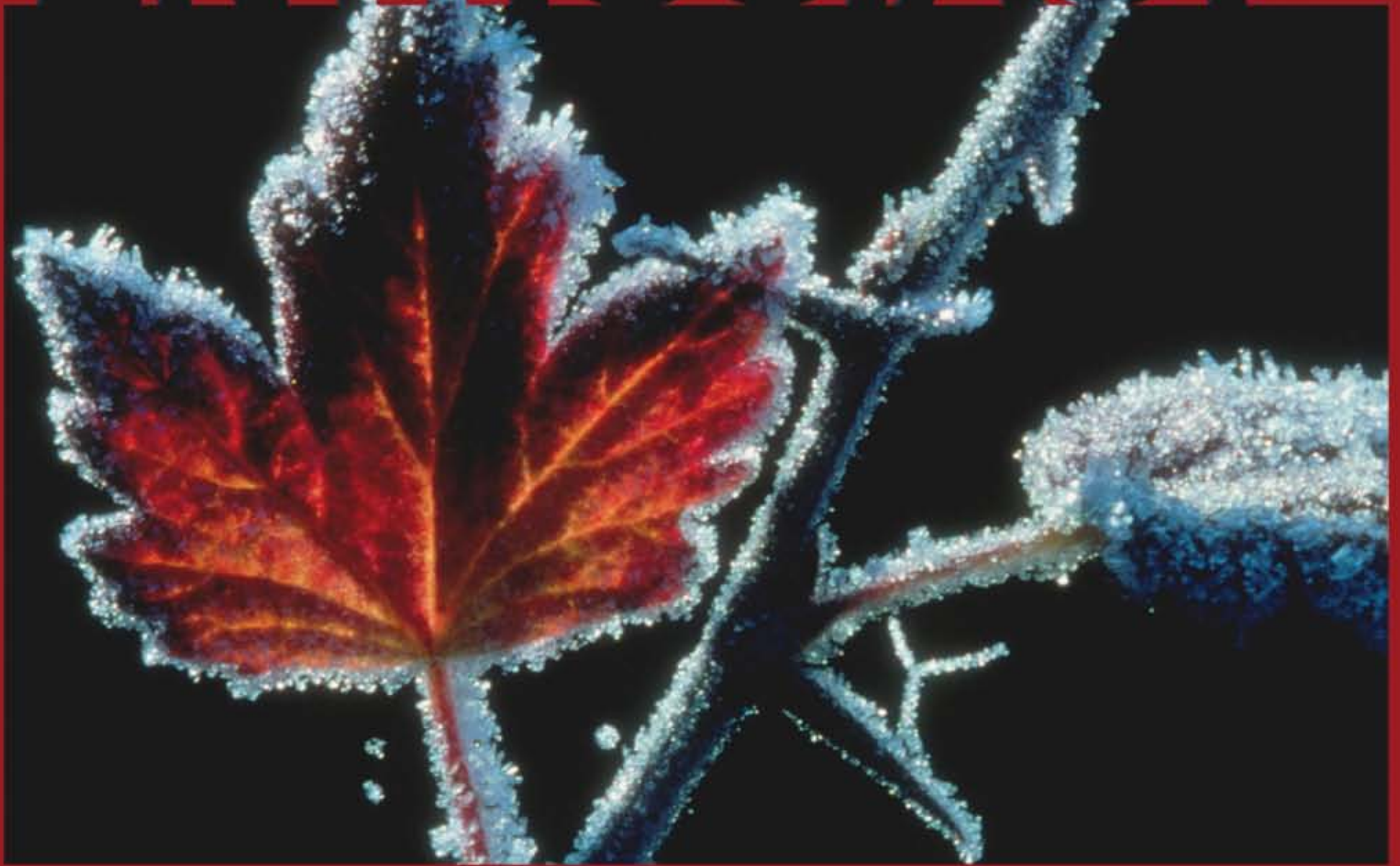


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Director's Message

REDESIGNING DINING PHASE I & II



Before



After

"I love the new dining room. It's beautiful!"
"The waterfall gives people something engaging to look at."
"The paint brightens up the room."

These quotes are samplings of the appreciation expressed not only by our current residents and their family members but also by prospective residents as they tour Tacoma Lutheran's campus. When they learn that the refurbishing of the Health Center Dining Room was made possible by the generosity of hundreds of people who are interested

in bettering the lives of seniors in our community, they are again impressed by the level of care and vision they see before them. So, it is with great pleasure that the Foundation announces that Phase I of the Redesigning Dining is mission accomplished.

The main focal point of the room is the waterfall and landscaping just outside the picture window that provides at last a view worth framing – one that takes our residents outside of themselves for a moment or two. We are grateful to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians for the generous grant that made this calming scene possible.

Since the Redesigning Dining campaign was met with such enthusiasm, we extended the effort in 2011 to a Phase II so that the Daytime Deli/Evening Dining Room may also receive a new look. Donations for the campaign will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2011. All gifts of \$500 or more will be recognized on a donor wall that will be installed outside the dining room, www.tacomalutheran.org/givingclub.asp then *Donate Now*, or call 253-284-7538 to donate.

Please know that your donations make a huge difference in the everyday lives of our residents and that you daily prove the truth of Margaret Mead's words: *Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.*

Ruthmarie Zimmerman

Ruthmarie Zimmerman, Director

If you have any comments, please call us. Ruthmarie Zimmerman, Director, TLRC Foundation 253-756-7560
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Angel from the garden

A Tribute to the Life and Legacy of a Loved One

One thoughtful way to honor the memory of a lost friend or loved one is to make a memorial gift in their name to TLRC. This gift is a tribute to their life and legacy that can help carry on the ministries of TLRC. This is an increasingly popular alternative to sending flowers to the family or for the memorial service. This gift makes a lasting impact in the lives of others.

When a memorial gift is made to TLRC, we notify the family of the person remembered (not the dollar amount donated) and send a thank you letter.

You can also encourage others to do the same. A simple request in an obituary will let others know your wishes. For example, "In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be directed to Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community." You can even pick the specific fund at TLRC for others to contribute to: life enrichment, employee scholarships, chaplaincy endowment, capital projects, resident support.

Because we are not-for-profit organization, gifts are tax deductible.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact the TLRC Foundation at 253-284-7508.

Donor Profile

NEW LIFE TOGETHER



Jack and Norma Leach on their wedding day

Wedding Bells are Ringing at TLRC

They were neighbors and friends. Jack and Norma had known each other for several years as six-plex residents and both widowed, they grew their friendship talking about travel and foreign lands. They learned both had lived overseas and valued those years of their life.

The relationship bloomed. Should they get married at this age? What would that mean for their pensions, health insurance, living situation, and families? But as their love grew, they knew they needed to share life with each other and in October, 2010, they married.

In their first year of marriage, they have travelled locally as well as overseas. They are always on the go as they enjoy spending time together and cherish each day. Recently on a fishing trip, Norma reeled in a 19-pound salmon!

It doesn't matter that they are 89; they are young at heart and very much in love.

Their love did not go unnoticed....

Paul Baughman and Louise Lindeman have both lived at TLRC for many years. They have served on committees together and traveled with TLRC's Trips and Tours.

Paul and Louise were married in September, 2011, and honeymooned in the Port Townsend area.

These two stories show that it's never too late to begin your life with someone. We are so happy that these residents can find love and share time together. They travel, talk, and live each day to the fullest....everyday is a new day at TLRC.

Congratulations, Jack & Norma and Paul & Louise. We couldn't be happier for you!



Paul and Louise cutting their wedding cake



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A Financial and Care Inventory Saves Time and Frustration



Each year, thousands of Americans are thrust into the uncomfortable role of making financial and care decisions for their senior family members. The task can be time consuming, expensive and stressful for those unprepared for this responsibility. Fortunately, there is a simple remedy to reducing the stress connected to these crises: communication. By informing loved ones of the location of your key financial documents and care directives, you can reduce their stress.

While raising the subject may create some momentary awkwardness, it is far better to inform your children about your wishes in advance rather than force them to guess what "mom or dad would have wanted."

While each family's inventory will differ, the inventory should include information related to where your loved ones can find the following:

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| 1. Living wills/health care directives | 4. Bank accounts and investments/investment accounts |
| 2. Insurance contracts (health, life, long-term care, annuities, auto, homeowners, etc.) | 5. Credit card accounts and outstanding debt |
| 3. Wills, trusts and deeds | 6. Instructions related to funeral arrangements |
| | 7. Information related to charitable gifts |

Planned Giving

FOUNDATION STAFF AND BOARD



TLRC Board Members

Dedicated to TLRC

We are so grateful to have an outstanding Board of Trustees (23 board members and 3 advisory members, see complete board list on page 6). that works hard behind the scenes to make a big difference in our efforts to raise support for TLRC.

This has been an especially busy and successful year. We designed and hosted CaregiverYOU to support and educate community caregivers. We also had a two part Living Legacy Series on sharing your story with future generations.

We held successful events at Joesepi's Italian Ristorante and Watson's Greenhouse and Nursery. We also had our first golf tournament! The Gala was another huge success that took months of preparation and support.

Not only does our board work hard at all these events, but 100% give financially as well. They really believe in the mission of TLRC and understand the importance that financial support brings. Well done, team! Please know we are working hard to create awareness for seniors here at TLRC and everywhere.

Donor Events

1ST ANNUAL TLRC FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Golfing Gorilla charmed the crowd

TLRC Golf Tournament a Smashing Success

On August 18th, we held our 1st Annual TLRC Foundation Golf Classic sponsored by Rushforth Construction. Held at Highlands Golf Course, nine teams of five competed on the par-three course. All had a good time, with beautiful weather, delicious food, and a festive atmosphere.

The world renowned Golfing Gorilla made a surprise guest appearance to greet the crowd and kick off the event. Golfers enjoyed the giveaways and greetings from the hole sponsors at each tee box.

When the golfers returned from the course, guests enjoyed a barbecue dinner prepared by the TLRC Dining department and raffle prizes procured by our golf committee.

Thank you to all who participated and made this such a wonderful event. And a special thank you to Judie Lloyd for being our tournament coordinator.

9th Annual Dinner & Auction Gala

TLRC Gala was a Huge Success!

On November 5th, more than 500 people gathered to support TLRC and our *Redesigning Dining Phase II* campaign. The intrigue of the yet-to-be-completed LeMay America's Car Museum made this our fourth consecutive sellout. Guests were eager to see the beautiful cars, architecture, décor, and of course, raise money for TLRC.

Dick Foley did a wonderful job as emcee for the evening and auctioneer Ken Carson, the voice of the Seahawks and Sounders, returned for the third year. His energetic style helped us auction off trips, cruises, catered dinners, Seahawks tickets, a large outdoor playhouse, and a one-of-a-kind handmade baby cradle modeled after one at Culzean Castle, in Scotland.

Our first live auction item of the evening was Rich Marshall of Maryhill Winery who served as the sommelier for one lucky table for the evening. Our second was Cherries Jubilee made table side (for the highest bidder) by Iron Chef Craig Haslebacher, who defeated Bobby Flay on Food Network TV's *Iron Chef*.

Country music star Brett Eldredge gave a special video message asking for guests' support of the event. After his video message, guests watched his music video "Raymond"- the story of a nursing home employee mistaken by a patient with Alzheimer's for her deceased son, who was killed at war. Brett's commitment to seniors runs deep, as the song was inspired by his Grandmother's struggle with Alzheimer's.

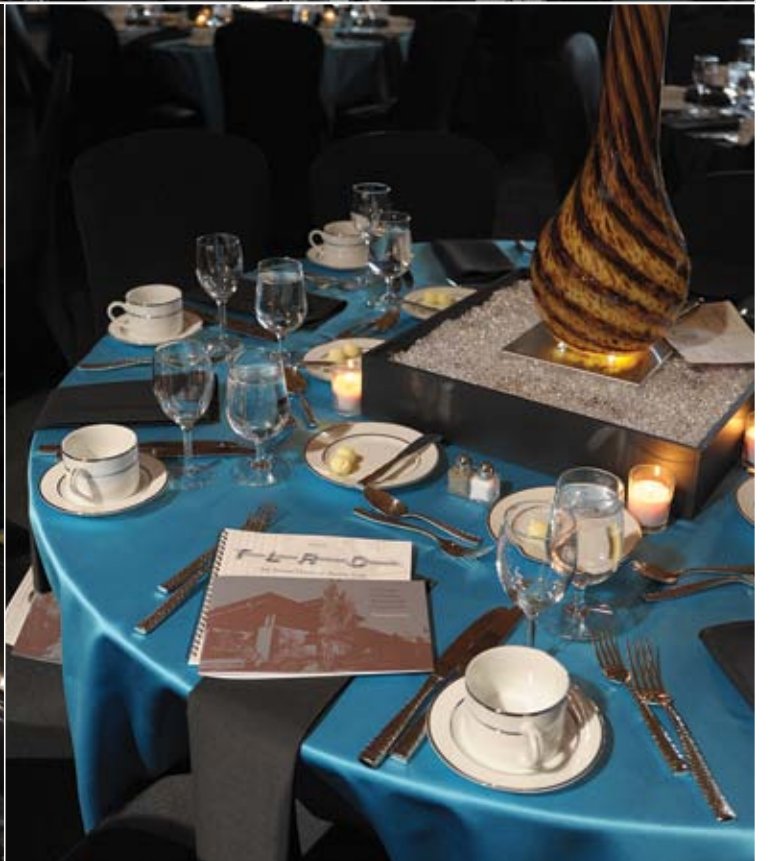
A huge thank you to all our sponsors and guests who made the event such a success. We'd also like to give a special thank you to our wonderful Gala Chairs Paul and Linda Ellingson for their support of the Gala this year and their faithful support of TLRC.

The proceeds from the event will support our *Redesigning Dining Phase II* campaign to update the dining experience for our Deli/Dining Room. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, residents, and staff, thank you for your generosity.

P.S. Mark your calendar as you won't want to miss next year's event on November 3, 2012.



Our Annual Dinner and Auction Gala was a huge success!



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“Since Grandma has been here we haven’t sent Daddy out for fried chicken or burgers even ONCE!”

Save the Dates!

Joeseppi’s Take Over
September 18, 2012

Watson’s Nursery & Green House
Shopping Night
May 3, 2012

For more information please call: 253.756.7560

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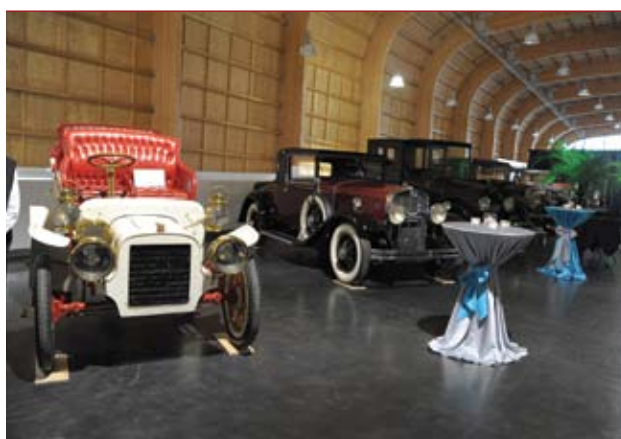
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