

MARIA'S GRAPEVINE
August 2009

RESTAURANT STYLE DINING is in full swing at the Villa now! We've been working out the kinks and everyone is enjoying the results. **Effective August 1**, we will offer a **MONTHLY SPECIAL** which will be offered daily, starting at 4 pm. Menu changes monthly and selections are available each day till sold out. Quantities are limited.

AUGUST MENU

Monday – Enchilada pie with Spanish rice
Tuesday – Meatloaf with scalloped potatoes
Wednesday – Chicken and noodles with mashed potatoes
Thursday – Hot dogs with macaroni and cheese
Friday – Fish and fries
Saturday – Ham and beans with cornbread
Sunday – Fried chicken

PRICE CHANGE for family meals
\$5.00 – effective August 1, 2009.
Remember, residents have first priority and quantities are limited.

DID YOU KNOW?

Recently, Villa volunteers packaged bags of toiletries to give away to clients at Center of Hope. Our resident volunteers were featured in the Hopeline, the monthly letter of Center of Hope, a homelessness prevention program in Wichita. Center of Hope is also a sponsored ministry of ASC so the story is about one sponsored ministry (Villa Maria) reaching out in service to another sponsored ministry, the Center of Hope. **Hats off to our caring volunteer residents! We are currently looking into a project where our resident volunteers will make bean bags for a local vision training program.** At the Villa we reach out to help others, just like St.

Maria, who always looked for opportunities to help the “dear neighbor”.

MISSION AND VALUES UPCOMING FOCUS

We always try to imitate Jesus in our healing work at the Villa. We have been studying the Gospel stories of how Jesus helped those who came to him in need. **We will soon begin a new focus (based on our value of Just Stewardship) called “Healing Earth, Healing Lives.”** Be watching for details and practical tips on taking care of the earth and life on earth.

***A Prayer for God's Help in Time of Need –
by St. Maria de Mattias***

Providence of God, Providence of the eternal, almighty and merciful God, providence that has provided, still provides and always will provide, provide also for us, Most Holy Triune God, in all our common and private necessities. So I believe, so I hope, so it shall always be. May your holy will be done in everything. Amen.

FUN IN THE SUN

We recently enjoyed a watermelon “seed spitting” contest and cracker relay. We also really enjoy Bible study and just sitting outside on the patio visiting with friends about those dear to our hearts. What's it like at the Villa? Just like home – it IS home and so “activities” are just normal everyday activities like those mentioned above.



MORE TIMESLIPS STORIES

Last month we shared with you two stories written by our residents utilizing the Timeslips method (Details at www.timeslips.org and July newsletter). Here are two different stories written by our own residents inspired by the same picture.

WHEN FRIENDS MEET

I see a lady. She's listening. The two doggies are talking to one another. The little one asks the big one, "Hey, do you go to church?"

I see a train approaching. I can't tell – here.

Two dogs wouldn't look that friendly if you let them out. They'd probably fight in a little bit. I think they're going to California. I lived there 36 years. They're talking about one another and maybe what they're going to do.

Yeah, that's where the trunk lid comes down (pointing). Really?

They're not going to California. They're just going down the street. I imagine they're looking for a cat to chase. I see a train just over the right dog's head. I've no idea where he's going. They're talking about the weather and how to keep moving.; where they've been - running around in somebody's car! Might as well be doing something.

Well, it looks like they are going into a forest. And if they are, it looks like it is on fire! If you've ever seen something like that, it's a terrific fire. On time on vacation, we saw a forest fire in California. No one was hurt. I saw the same one. I lived there then. It took 26 hours to stop the fire. I think someone will stop the dogs from going in.



The dogs are feeling pretty good because he has his mouth wide open. *Another care or two. 1-2-3-4-5-6... It hurts down there with 10.*

Dogs should be kept away from possible fires. I think so, too. Right there. We're like the dogs cause we're in the car. But if they'd turn us out of the cab, we'd go our way and the dogs would go their way. We're like the dogs but we wouldn't fight (unless it was about politics).

Story told by: Don, Lucy, Lorraine, Frances, Bessie, Flava and Dortha on July 9, 2009

GOOD MORNING, MISS AMERICA

These dogs are visiting. Two friends haven't seen each other in a long time.

"Hi, neighbor. What were you doing, running up that fence?" (He was being bawled out by his master or mistress.)

Well, this one dog, Charlie, says to the other dog, Miss America, "Why are you driving this car? Because it is supposed to be in the shop. Where are you going?" (Miss America won the dog show beauty contest.)

"It's a secret."

"Charlie said if you don't share with me what the secret is before the red light comes, I won't share any of my bones with you."

The secret is it's starting to snow. They are in Colorado Springs. If it is snowing, you better turn on your windshield wipers to see where you are going.

"Are you going to the ski area? How do you ski with four feet?"

"You'll be surprised. I have my way."

"How's your day been? Did you get to ski?"

"I'd try it but I would fall on my butt!" Charlie probably said that.

Miss America did get to ski and then afterwards went to see her daughter in Denver. Yah, they're probably on their way to ski. Then they are going to the

zoo in Denver. Charlie and Miss America went together.

"Don't get too close to that lion's cage."

"I looked in the mirror and you looked just as pretty."

"Well, you don't look too bad yourself."

A little baby giraffe got loose and come out to play with Charlie and Miss America. They were told to use caution with the lion and then the baby giraffe got loose.

"How about let's jump out of these cars and see what we can find."

Don't teach your dog how to drive. If you think that's a big lion, look at the cat behind you. You wouldn't want to chase that cat around the block. It could be a wild cat or tiger. I never saw a dog that wouldn't chase a cat.

How did they manage to fit both dogs into that car? Evidently they left one car at their daughter's.

Story told by: Illene, Margaret,
Myrtle M., Franklin, Mary and Eleanor
on July 9, 2009