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2013: A TEAR-STAINED YEAR MARKED BY CHANGE by Max McQueen

The year 2013 started with a flood of tears, fueled by the passing of Joyce Ridge on January 6.

In great ways and small the death of our former long-time executive director has cast a long, sad shadow over the year that's drawing to a close.

How so? The death of any loved one is often most noted on the first anniversary of the beloved one's absence at this or that event. So it is at Lura Turner Homes. Joyce's absence is multiplied as residents, staff, supporters and volunteers recall that "last year" Joyce was at the high tea or the boutique or the Phoenix Bird Civitan Club installations of officers, and so on.

In short, it's been a long goodbye to our cherished leader from 1984 to 2003. While Joyce's home-going is felt everyday, it's been especially noted during this season of gathering of friends. You might remember that Joyce's last outing was at Arizona Broadway Theatre's "Annie," where on Dec. 29, she had a great time with residents, staff and friends just a week before her passing.

Although a lover of history, Joyce was always looking to the future and how to do things better. We've done our best to honor her legacy in a year marked by many changes. In hiring a new administrative assistant and bookkeeper, we found two women who have the can-do attitude that Joyce was famous for. In changing camps after 27 years at Camp Civitan, Joyce would have been pleased that the new camp experience at Whispering Hope was built on her well-laid foundation.

Of course, as with most of us, Joyce sometimes had to be "sold" on a new idea. One of my favorite of many stories with Joyce occurred when I urged her to change the Phoenix Bird Civitan Club's end-of-year June gala from a swimming party to a bowling party. Why? Because I noticed few LTH residents would actually get in the pool. And when they did, I ended up being referee as the guys splashed the gals to no end.

It took FOUR years for Joyce to sign off on this change. But I'll never, ever forget the night it happened. In her scooter, Joyce drove from one end of Let It Roll Bowl to the other, noting how the Civitans, volunteers and staff were fully engaged in bowling. Whether or not they were bowling a good game didn't matter. One and all were having a great time.

Well...Joyce cornered me and I thought, "Oh, no, I'm in trouble." Not so. Instead, Joyce had a compliment. This is what she said, exactly what she said: "Max, this was a great idea. Did you notice? EVERY single person is participating. That's how it should be."

Yes, "everyone participating" is exactly how it should be when it comes to Lura Turner Homes. Be you a family member, a guardian, a donor, a supporter, a volunteer, an employee, I appreciate your participation in helping LTH help developmentally disabled adults help themselves in 2013. I take great comfort in knowing I can count on your continued participation in 2014. Thank you.

May you have a blessed Christmas and an even more blessed 2014.

Max McQueen

Executive Director

Lura Turner Homes for Developmentally Disabled Adults

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Lura Turner Homes expresses appreciation to all the following who have made donations during the months of October, November, & December 2013

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NOT TOO LATE FOR WORKING POOR TAX CREDIT

We send a great thanks to all who have generously given to LTH with the intent of using the Arizona's Working Poor Tax Credit. There is still time to make the Dec 31 deadline. Single filers can claim up to \$200 & Married couples can claim as much as \$400. Only AZ residents can claim the Working Poor Tax Credit. Please note: ALL your cash donations for the year can be applied toward your AZ and/or federal itemized deductions as LTH is a qualifying, non profit 501(c)3.

TIS' THE SEASON FOR FAMILY FUN WITH GREAT FRIENDS



The Dubasik's made the boutique this year a family affair. Sam, Cathy & Bob were a great help at our 29th annual Arts and Crafts Boutique fundraiser.



Metro Phoenix Civitan Club has made it a tradition to supply & serve Thanksgiving at the Joyce Ridge Civitan House. Lots of fun and giving thanks brings big smiles from the Metro Civitan, family and volunteers.

TO YOU AND YOURS, THE LTH RESIDENTS WISH YOU WARM HOLIDAYS AND MANY THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR WONDERFUL GIFTS YOU GIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE ARE ALL VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT.

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January 25 ~ Italian Dinner Night
March 1 ~ High Tea
March 29 ~ Joyce Ridge Civitan House
25th Anniversary Celebration
April 9 ~ Barney's Night
May 4 ~ Founder's Day

*Seasons Greetings
and best wishes
for a
New Year*