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Stan and Ellen Mishler

by
Victoria Wilbanks

Stan was born in Sheridan, Oregon where his parents lived on a rural property which overlooked the site where the casino stands today. He graduated from Western Mennonite School, where he met the love of his life, Ellen, who had traveled from Nampa, Idaho to attend Western Mennonite School where she boarded until her graduation. Stan's family later moved to Toledo, Oregon where

Stan started the career he had always dreamed about associated with the logging industry. Stan began by driving logging trucks for various owners, and learned every aspect of the business. He later sold logging trucks, and when he felt ready, he entered into his own business owning his own trucks, and was successfully self employed until his

retirement. During his working years, Stan was also called to the ministry, and has been an Associate Minister wherever they have lived in several locations throughout the country. For the last 30 years they have been involved in an interdenominational church in McMinnville.

Ellen was born in the town of Broken Bow, Nebraska, also to a rural family. When she was about 6 or 7, the family moved to Nampa, Idaho. Ellen says they were a close family, and she was especially close to her father and brother, who both worked in either trucking or farming. She remembers that her brother was a truck driver. She finds it coincidental that both of these family members worked in the same industry as Stan, the man she later married. She attended Western Mennonite School in Oregon, and it was a family decision to fulfill her request to attend. She was very happy there, and met Stan during their junior year. After graduation, she went to work in a retirement center in Albany until her marriage to Stan.

The couple started their married life together living in Toledo, Oregon, but later moved to Pasco, Washington, and then to Texas to attend Bible school. During this time, their two girls were born, Lila in 1959, and Cheryl in 1960, and finally Bo was

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From Delvin's Desk



Gift-giving to an organization is part of our culture that in many ways other cultures do not practice so generously. America would not be where it is without the heart of individuals who give and support causes. It reminds me of the story in Luke 21:1-4 where the woman who gave two mites to the temple treasury. It says she gave what she had. When we were raising funds and finishing construction on the Rock of Ages Lodge an elderly lady came up to me with a few crumpled one dollar bills, put them in my hand and said, "I want to help".

Why do people give? There are several reasons but almost 100 percent of the time it's because they believe in a mission or cause. Rock of Ages has had many supporters through the years, gifting at varying levels. I tell my staff that when we care for our residents in a loving and compassionate way, it makes fundraising far easier because families and supporters see and feel the love. Some may want to leave a legacy, remembering someone, or a mission that has meant so much to them. But again, they do so because they believe their gift will be used towards a good cause. Yes, there can be tax benefits for giving, but folks usually give to help others in need or a mission in which they believe.

The National Association of Boards for Long Term Care Administrators (NAB) Foundation gifted \$10,000 to Rock of Ages to be used as a John Hogan Scholarship Fund. This gift has several purposes: first, to help staff further their education, second, to remember John Hogan and his legacy of strong leadership in long term care, and third, the gift was given to Rock of Ages because NAB believes we will administer the gift appropriately to help staff gain further education. *Ed. Note: see page four for more information.*

Bible Mennonite Fellowship Inc., over a year ago purchased the Phil and Ann Scott Estate to develop an adult foster Home.

The home is close to opening after a year of

remodeling. Supporters for many years, Lyn and Karin Swanson wanted to support the remodeling effort at the Estates. There also was another reason Lyn wanted to be involved. His wife Karin cared for



Submitted photo

both of their mothers in their home when they needed care. Lyn wanted to honor and remember



Submitted photo

Karin for her love for others. After several years of needing care herself given by Lyn, the family, and others, Karin went Home to her eternal reward.

One other reason for the Swanson's support was the memories of the friendship between Ann Scott and Karin. The Swanson's generous giving through the years has been tremendous support. In addition, Lyn believes in the Rock of Ages mission where staff give loving care to the elderly and represent Jesus and His love for all individuals. In addition to a substantial

gift to help the remodel, Lyn donated a 40 horse Kubota tractor that will be a tremendous help in maintaining the 60 acres of the Scott Estate Home.

We are so grateful to all those who support the many causes that support our greater mission of being the

hands of Christ in serving all individuals in our care.

Thank you each one!



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Chaplain's Corner



Lynn Miller

It's Springtime! I think most of us like Spring. After the cold of winter, 70 degrees feels so good. Signs of new life are bursting everywhere. It's renewal time, bulbs and things that have laid dormant for months are coming to life.

Makes me think of our spiritual lives and asking, 'Has my spirituality gone into hibernation or is it coming alive? Do I need a new awakening in my spirit?'

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Matt. 5:6) Might that be paraphrased, "Blessed are you who seek new life in Christ, you shall be renewed." We are being made NEW. "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; and the old is gone, the new has come." (II Cor.5:17)

Signs of new life abound on this beautiful campus and countryside. The great reformer, Martin Luther wrote, "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." What a great time and opportunity to be made new in our resurrected Christ!

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born in 1965. After their relocation to other parts of the country, the family returned to Albany, where they purchased their family home. Ellen enjoyed being a homemaker, doing her hobbies, and raising their girls. She enjoyed all kinds of handwork, including crocheting, sewing, etc. and was also especially fond of walking and hiking. The girls married and left home to raise their own families. Lila married a pastor, and always worked away from home, being especially skilled in secretarial/administrative work. Lila and her husband have two children, Joy and Noel. Cheryl married a man who is a self employed financial planner, and she has always worked with him. They have three children; Megan, Taylor and Jake. Stan and Ellen's youngest girl, Bo trained to become a pastor and ministered in a large church in Bend. She and her late husband, who died of ALS, had four children, Whitney, Victoria, Tess and Josiah. Bo later remarried and she and her husband are involved with a church in Portland.

Stan and Ellen were very happy raising their girls, and they loved to travel as a family throughout Oregon in their RV. The girls really loved this lifestyle. Stan spent lots of time playing games with the girls, keeping them active. The RV lifestyle was a natural for Stan, as he loved machinery, and was skilled in maintaining all kinds of trucks and equipment, having learned that in his logging career.

Stan recalls an interesting story about how in 1953 his father was a manager of the Portland Rescue Mission which was connected to the property now

known as Rock of Ages/Valley View. He was a student working for his father, and recalls how much he enjoyed that period of his life. This fond memory probably contributed to their decision to retire to the Rock of Ages/Valley View community. The couple seem to be extremely happy in their beautifully decorated home, which together with the stunning view, gives one a feeling of peacefulness and well being. The couple are celebrating the 65th anniversary of their marriage this year, and a life well lived. They are very much enjoying their family and nine grandchildren, and their home at Rock of Ages/Valley View.

The Lighter Side

- Do you know who is the shortest man in the Bible? Was it Bildad the Shoe Height, Knee High Miah, or perhaps Peter, who slept on his watch. I guess we will never know.
- The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose.....Mosquitoes come close, though.
- What kind of man was Boaz before he got married? He was Ruthless!

John Herbert Hogan Education Scholarship

John Herbert Hogan, a former administrator, educator and resident of long-term care left a legacy of strong leadership in the field of long-term care. Administrating various nursing homes and CCRC's, John devoted his life to bringing new leaders into the field. He was a professor in the Oregon State University College of Public Health for over 24 years where he mentored and placed Administrators in Training (AITs) in various organizations. He created a legacy of compassion in the support of well-trained administrators in LTC careers. John held executive leadership roles on the boards of several state and national organizations, including NAB and LeadingAge. John's career came full circle when he retired and became a resident at Rock of Ages where he continued his involvement in long-term endeavors such as National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB). He continued to be an exam developer, serving on



committees that created exams credentialing incoming administrators till his passing in January 2022. A gift of \$10,000 from the NAB Foundation and National Association of Boards of Long-Term Care, was used to create a Scholarship fund to assist staff at Rock of Ages, and to carry forward the John Hogan legacy of developing strong leaders in a career in LTC.

Scholarship's Purpose

The purpose of the John Hogan Scholarship is to encourage and support staff members to seek a higher level of education and encourage careers in long-term care organizations. It is hoped that by funding further education and training, the scholarship recipients would continue the legacy of John Hogan in becoming compassionate strong leaders in long-term care settings. Those wishing to pursue careers in Administration, Nursing and other degrees in long-term care would be eligible to apply.

Anyone wishing to give financially to this Scholarship fund can contact the office at Rock of Ages for gifting details.

Village Life

By Gordon Martin



Harriet is One Hundred and One!

Harriet LaVee celebrated her birthday no. 101 the 8th of April. She still walks all the way down Shilo Way from her house past ours nearly every day.

Too many ducks continues to be a problem, in my humble opinion. Have you tried to walk around the pond lately? You will need to have your muck boots on if you do. I expect there is about a ton of duck and goose manure to walk through. We have 27 ducks. About half are females that are laying eggs just about every day...all over the place. I've picked up over 50 eggs and distributed them to various egg

lovers which is my contribution to duck population control! I don't really think I will find all of the m so I suppose we will still have some baby ducks before too long.

Ann Scott Estate Adult Foster Home Employees.

The new ASE Adult Foster Home employees are getting ready for the opening in a few days. I thought you would like to meet them:

Rebecca Hiyasat
Co-Administrator



Alina Streinikov
Co-Administrator



Riza Signa
Caregiver



Cole Norwood
Caregiver



Honoring our Employees

Employees of the Month



Antonio Romero, Co-Employee for January, is loved by staff and residents. He is very consistent, dependable, calm, and has a quiet demeanor. He is also willing to work extra whenever he is needed. He is a valuable player on the M.A.I.D.S. team and we are blessed to have him. Thank you Antonio for what you do.



Cassidy Kuns, Co-Employee for January, was chosen as employee of the month because she is just an excellent caregiver! She is kind, responsible, and hard-working. She is always willing to help! We appreciate the compassionate care and love she has for the residents.



Stephanie Diaz, Employee of the Month for February, is an outstanding employee. Her character shows integrity and dedication to our residents and team members. She serves as a wonderful example here at Rock of Ages in all that she does. Everyone enjoys the creativity she displays in the variety of meals and desserts she prepares, often searching through recipe books and the internet to try something new and fun. We all benefit from her positive personality, working with her is a joy.

Employee Relations at Rock of Ages by Gordon Martin

One of my duties is taking pictures of all the new employees and posting them on the photo wall in the Lodge so us old folks can connect a face with a name. There seems to be quite a bit of turnover here with employees leaving to go back to school, having babies, getting married, or for many other reasons, like being afraid of COVID. I have been doing this for a few years now, and it is interesting to see who wants to work here. I have observed that apparently most people who work here must think it is a pretty good place to work! The reason I know this is because there are quite a number of employees who are related to someone who is working here or has worked here in the past. I doubt if employees would recommend that their relative work here if it was a bad place to work. For instance:

Jessica and Stephanie are sisters who are long time employees,



Michael is Susan's son,



Anna is Dawn's daughter,



Maria is Kim's daughter,



Ismael is married to Maria, and his ...



...brother Fernando is married to Erica,



Antonio is Mariana & Adriana's brother,



Candice is Delaney's mom,



Montana and Morgan are sisters,



Julie is Luke's mom, Brenda and Vicky are sisters,

Griselda is Jasmin's mom...

...and then there is Ellison, whose father Seth & her grandparents Delvin and Twila work here, and her great-grandfather Andrew lives here! So you see, it must be a good place to work. Working with a bunch of old people like me isn't for everyone, because I can be kind of testy at times, but it can be rewarding for the right person.

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