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KATHY KREIGER

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Kathy Krieger was born in 1951 to her parents Harold and Elsie Lehman. Her brother Donald was born in 1954. Kathy speaks fondly of the idealistic childhood she enjoyed, with many extended family members and friends living close by. Her father was a highly skilled mechanic, who could fix just about anything. He worked on the family farm west of Amity with his brothers who did custom threshing, raising dairy cows, and repairing farm equipment. Kathy's father did all the repairing of the farm equipment, and later, handled all the parts in the families' Lehman Brothers Hardware & Implement business. While her mother was raising a family she drove a bus for berry and bean pickers in the summer. Later she went to work for the US Bank in Amity, retiring after 28 years of service.

Kathy graduated from Amity High School, and went on to earn a degree from OCE, which is now WOU. She received her Bachelor's degree in Education, and was a fourth grade teacher in McMinnville for three years. Then Kathy went to work at Tektronics, where she stayed for a couple of years. In 1975 she was married, but after seven years the couple divorced, although they remained fast friends. While looking for a place to live after the divorce, Kathy found a place to rent in Gaston owned by Mary Lung. She lived happily there, taking excellent care of the property, and becoming good friends with Mary. Later she decided to buy the house from Mary, but before the purchase was complete, Mary died, and left the house to Kathy. She was also fortunate to find a job in Forest Grove for which she was very well suited, and loved it. She worked for the City of Forest Grove's Public Works Department and remained there for many years until her retirement. Kathy has always been an avid outdoors person and enjoys hunting and fishing. She is a lifetime member of the Oregon Hunters' Association, and the National Rifle Association. While working for the City of Forest Grove, one of her coworkers was taking a trip to the Willows, so Kathy asked him to bring her back a real estate brochure to see if

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From Bill's Desk



The warmer days of summer often bring opportunities for us to spend time with family and friends. As we enjoy the summer events around our community we connect directly with our mission of nurturing friendships. These relationships are an important part of our lives.

I am reminded of a story about potato chips and root beer. Two things I enjoy in the summertime.

Potato Chips and Root Beer

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted them and smiled at him.

His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

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Chaplain's Corner



First of all I want to tell you some exciting news: we have a *YouTube* channel for our Chapel services. You can watch it at home or if you are traveling and can't be at the chapel in person. The name of the channel is *Shilo way chapel*. You can type it into *YouTube* and enjoy watching the service, and also share it with your friends and relatives. If you need help finding the *YouTube* channel feel free to let me know. I'm happy to help you figure out this stuff! Also, we are going to start another Grief support group this fall so if you are interested or you know anyone who could benefit from it, please let me know. At the same time we have some sad news, we lost two of our residents and dear friends, LaVerna Bauguess and Russ Olson. Please, support their families in your prayers during this season of grief.

Our spiritual activities such as prayer meeting, Bible study, chapel service are available for you. Please join and participate. Also, don't forget about our community walk. Every day we meet at four pm near the Activity Building and take a nice walk, enjoying fellowship and the beauty of nature. Our spiritual care team is available for anyone who needs emotional and spiritual help and support so don't hesitate to reach out and ask for help.

May this Bible verse bring you encouragement and comfort in the confidence of God's presence and care for you!

I will be your God throughout your lifetime— until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you. Isaiah 46:4

Honoring our Employees

Employees of the Month



Cathy Baker: March

Cathy works hard in our HR department and also handles the Risk Management duties. It is a big job these days to keep up with all the new regulations and issues that come up and she does it well.

Thank you, Cathy for your great work.



Catie Fleming: April

If you want to see someone that really exemplifies the mission of Rock of Ages, just follow Catie around. She really loves people and her work, always going above and beyond for our residents. She has

recently taken over the duties of Activity Director for Memory Care along with still working in the M.A.I.D.S. department.



Griselda Rodriguez: May

Griselda works as a caregiver and med tech in our memory care unit. She is a very devoted worker and takes the job as lead caregiver very seriously, providing excellent care to our residents. We are very blessed

to have her on our team.

Lynn Miller has turned a bare, ugly hillside into one of the biggest gardens in the village. After making a



good level base he built terrace walls and then back filled them with recycled soil and a good layer of topsoil to create three long garden beds. He and his wife Janice have planted corn, broccoli, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, strawberries, and flowers.

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there were any places she would be interested in. Kathy got her brochure, and found a wonderful little lookout cabin for sale on the river in Imnaha, an area she was very fond of. She purchased the cabin, and this discovery proved to be life changing for her. She made it her *go-to-getaway*, any time she was able to go. In fact she liked it so much she persuaded some friends to purchase property in the same area. They too enjoyed the fishing and outdoor life, and enjoyed many outings with Kathy. She refers to the Imnaha area as *God's country*.

When talking to Kathy about her hobbies, it is clear that she is most happy in the outdoors and being active. She remembers that when she was younger, she was involved with softball, and all kinds of games. She has also been an avid hiker, and loves wildflowers and bird watching, as well as fishing and hunting. Kathy mentioned that she spent much time at the Flying M ranch with friends in her younger years, when it was owned by Bryce and Barbara Mitchell. Kathy has many friends, and never ceases to get involved, as her friends at Rock of Ages have discovered. If you walk around the track, you will notice some wonderful changes that have taken place. Kathy became interested in getting together with other residents of the campus, and formed *The Weedsters* group who are doing a superb job revitalizing the campus. They have cleaned up the landscaped areas around the walking path and repainted the figurines that are placed here and there.

After Kathy sold her home in Gaston, she was able to purchase her current home at Rock of Ages. She had discovered the campus some years ago when she was escorting a friend who was looking for a place to live. The home Kathy purchased on campus has been beautifully renovated by her, and fits her perfectly. It is obvious that Kathy has found her niche. She feels blessed that things worked out with such synchronicity for her in the selling of her home in Gaston to some deserving young people, and being able to buy and redecorate her home at Rock of Ages at her leisure before moving in. Kathy has blended in beautifully with the Rock of Ages/Valley View community, and is enjoying sharing her wonderful skills.

Baloney Joes/Mission/Rock of Ages **by Jan Noland and Delvin Zook**

You may have read the historical account of how Rock of Ages (ROA) got its start in the early 1940's. The Rock of Ages Rescue Mission operated in Sacramento, CA and Portland, OR. The Portland location got nicknamed *Baloney Joes* because it was operated by Joe Yoder, and served *baloney* sandwiches to those who came to hear the gospel message. The program was under the umbrella of the Mennonite Pacific Coast Conference. In 1948, a pastor and his wife donated 160 acres to expand the ROA Rescue Mission. This expansion mission was to provide a farm-like setting away from city influences for homeless men and women, many of whom were struggling with addictions. In the early 70's, the Portland Mission closed, and the "expansion" ROA took on a new vision to care for the elderly in their last years. The last person relocated from the Portland mission passed away in the ROA Care Center in 2001.

Much has changed in these past 75 years. ROA/Valley View is now a premier retirement community offering all levels of care including hospice & memory care. Much has also changed in the housing and treatment of homeless persons, many of whom struggle with addictions and other life challenges.

ROA continues its ministry of helping struggling and/or homeless people by giving a monthly donation to our local Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission. These gifts come from donations received through the ROA Chapel. Throughout its 75 year history, ROA has encouraged church volunteerism. All of us at ROA continue to see evidence of this serving philosophy,

which contributes to ROA being a caring supportive community .

Our local Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission (the Mission) started in 2004 with dedicated volunteers bringing sandwiches (like Baloney Joes) and sleeping bags to folks living in the woods of Yamhill County. In 2009, the Mission opened doors to their first physical building. 17 individuals could be housed in that building. This original building was renovated in 2023 and is now the Women & Children's Facility. It also houses a large commercial

kitchen used to train residents in culinary skills and provide three meals every day of the year to any who enter the door.

In 2016, the McMinnville School District donated three modular buildings to the Mission, which now function as an Emergency Cold Weather Shelter to house up to 35 individuals. This shelter is also open during the summer to

help house folks as well as provide shower and laundry facilities.

A 3,000 square foot 18-bed Men's Facility opened in 2022. This facility also has a Job Resource & Training Center.

Like the early start with Baloney Joes and ROA, our local Mission is Christ-centered with the goals of helping guests come to know Jesus and learn personal and job skills to enable them to again become productive community members. The Mission thanks you & ROA for your continued support and prayers.



Rock of Ages Fun Festival

August 10, 2024

Concerts and activities are **FREE!**

A day of family friendly fun!

Hot Air Balloons fly out at daybreak!



7:00-9:00am - Tethered Hot Air Balloon

8:00am - Breakfast

9:00am - McMinnville Aircraft Modelers

-Car Show

-Kids Village -

Bouncy House, Water Slides,
Games, Activities

-Horse & Wagon Rides

-Serendipity Two Ice Cream Truck

11:00am - Candy Bomber

11:30am - Lunch & Music

Food available (at a minimal charge)

2:00pm - Cool Water

3:00pm - Newfangled Four

4:00pm - Bethel Mountain Band

5:00pm - Dinner served

Food available (at a minimal charge)

5:30pm - Liberty Quartet



Cool Water



Newfangled Four



Bethel Mountain Band



Liberty Quartet

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Your donation of canned food for local food banks is appreciated.

Directions: Old Sheridan Road to Peavine Road, turn left on Youngberg Hill Road, continue to Rock of Ages entrance and concert site. Follow the signs!

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He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

I continue to be thankful for each of you and the opportunity to get to know you better. I am glad to be able to work alongside the staff and the residents as we care for one another in this community.

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